

I THINK WE SHOULD SEE THIS THROUGH,
JUSTIN, BUT BEFORE WE GO TO THEIR
HOUSE, CAN I GET CLEANED UP AT YOUR
PLACE?

...YEAH, THAT
MAY BE A GOOD
IDEA...



IS THAT...
NANASE?! IT'S
BEEN SO LONG;
DIDN'T EVEN
RECOGNIZE YOU
THERE!

DAMNIT,
DID EVERYONE
MEET THIS GIRL
BEFORE I DID?!

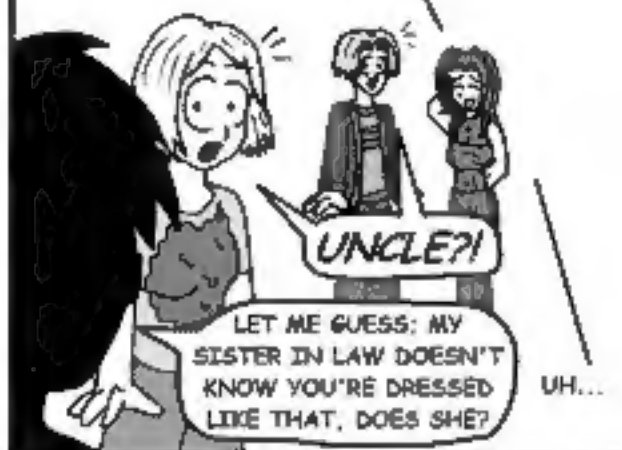


H-HELLO, UNCLE!

UNCLE?!

LET ME GUESS: MY
SISTER IN LAW DOESN'T
KNOW YOU'RE DRESSED
LIKE THAT, DOES SHE?

UH...



WE HAVE
TOWELS!

YES,
TOWELS
FOR ALL!



EXCELLENT. NOW WE CAN... UM...



...WHAT??



AS IT TURNS OUT, THE TOWELS WEREN'T FOR CLEANING UP, BUT RATHER TO KEEP THE INTERIORS OF THE CARS FROM GETTING DIRTY. SARAH DROVE ELLIOT'S CAR WITH SUSAN, ELLIOT, AND ELLEN AS PASSENGERS. ELLIOT WOULD HAVE DRIVEN, BUT HE HAD A TOWEL ON HIS HEAD TO HIDE HIS CAT FORM. TEDD'S DAD DROVE TEDD AND GRACE. TEDD AND GRACE KNEW THEY WERE IN A BIT OF TROUBLE WITH TEDD'S DAD, BUT THIS DIDN'T KEEP THEM FROM HOLDING HANDS ON THE WAY HOME.



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JUSTIN DROVE NANASE TO HIS HOUSE, WHERE NANASE WOULD TAKE A MUCH NEEDED SHOWER.



GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF GOO, IT MAY BE A WHILE BEFORE THEY ARRIVE AT TEDD'S HOUSE. FORTUNATELY FOR THEM, ELLEN WILL MOST DEFINITELY NEED TO SHOWER AS WELL, SO THEY SHOULDN'T MISS MUCH.

AND SO THESE NINE WOULD FORM THE FELLOWSHIP, WHO WOULD BE CHARGED WITH THE TASK OF DESTROYING THE ONE RING.



ALONG THE WAY THEY WILL FACE PERIL, AND MEET MANY, MANY HANDSOME ELVES.

YOU ARE AWARE THAT THERE'S NO WAY DAN WILL LET YOU NARRATE AGAIN AFTER THAT, RIGHT?

WHY? ELVES ARE COOL!



SSSSSSSS...



THE FIRST WORDS OUT OF YOUR MOUTH
AFTER SEEING ME SHOULD OF BEEN "WE
SAW HEDGE. HE'S IN TOWN."



YES, LET US MOVE ON. FOR STARTERS,
I'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW MR. VAIRS, OR
WHATEVER, KNEW ABOUT THE GOO
BEING IN THE SCHOOL.



EARLIER...

OOOOHHH THERE'S A HORRIBLE
SLIME MONSTER IN THE SCHOOL
AND IT'S COLD OUT HEERRE...!

I COULD
KEEP YOU
WARM...



THAT IS, UM,
CLASSIFIED
INFORMATION...



GRACE... YOU SAID THAT GOO WAS
SENT BY SOME SORT OF ALTERNATE
VERSION OF TEDD FROM ANOTHER
DIMENSION...?



"SHUDDER" YEAH,
IT WAS... IF YOU
WANNA SEE WHAT
HE LOOKS LIKE,
THERE'S A SCREEN
SHOT IN THE LAB...



WELL, ALL THINGS
CONSIDERED, I'D SAY
YOU'VE TURNED OUT
PRETTY WELL, SON...

@#\$%&...

THE SCREEN SHOT:

WAIT... WHO IS THAT? GRACE,
CAN YOU MAGNIFY AND BRIGHTEN
THAT ONE CORNER?

I DIDN'T EVEN
NOTICE ANYBODY
ELSE IN THE IMAGE
EARLIER...

TEDD: THE HELL...?

ELLIOT: THE HAIR LOOKS
LIKE GRACE'S...

GRACE: ...IS... THAT
MY ALTERNATE?

TEDD'S DAD: HUMMM... NO, I
DON'T THINK SO...

TEDD: HUHP

THAT GUY LOOKS LIKE A CONCEPT SKETCH
I ONCE SAW... I GUESS GRACE DIDN'T DIE IN
THAT DIMENSION...

WELL, I'M GOING TO GO SEE IF ELLEN
IS OUT OF THE SHOWER.

GET BACK HERE!!!

I DON'T CARE HOW LONG YOU STARE
AT ME, I'M NOT GONNA PET YOU. NOW,
WHY AREN'T WE LOOKING AT THE
SCREEN SHOT?



BECAUSE IT'S IN TEDD'S LAB, AND I HAVE
NO PLANS OF BEING THERE. BESIDES, I
WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT YOU AND
NANASE.



"SIGH" WE MET ON THE OPTIONAL FRENCH
CLASS TRIP TO FRANCE, SHE ANNOYED ME, I
ANNOYED HER...

MEREOW!

MEREOW!

MEREOW!



WEIRD STUFF HAPPENED, WE GAINED
ACCESS TO MAGIC, WE AGREED NOT TO
TELL ANYBODY ABOUT KNOWING THE
OTHER, YADDA... YADDA...

MEREOW!

MEREOW!

MEREOW!

MEREOW!



STOP THAT! LOOK, I'M
NOT GOING TO PET YOU!!!

MEREOW!!!



"GRUMBLE"

PET
PET

PURRR...



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GOD I HATE MIRRORS...

STILL, I GOTTA
SEE WHAT THIS
LOOKS LIKE...

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"Well, At Least She Looks a Little Happier..."

WOW! ...I FEEL... AMAZING!

YAA-HOOO!!!

ELLEN? WHAT THE
HELL ARE YOU DOING
IN THERE...?

WANNA COME
IN AND SEE?

WHAT?

ER-- NOTHING,
SARAH I'LL BE OUT
IN A MINUTE!

I BETTER
SWITCH BACK
BEFORE I DO
ANYTHING I
WOULD REGRET...

THAT'S PROBABLY
JUSTIN AND
NANASE...

**DING-
DONG**

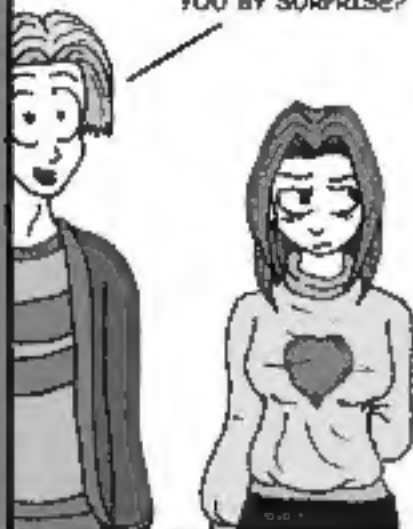
YOU MAY AS WELL LET THEM
IN YOURSELF... I'D DO IT, BUT
I'M TRAPPED.



EH? I MEAN,
UM... HELLO!



HEY SARAH,
SOMETHING CATCH
YOU BY SURPRISE?



OH, I WAS JUST
SURPRISED BY
NANASE'S OUTFIT.
IT'S... NICE! LOOKS
GOOD! REALLY!

HEHE... IT'S THE SORT
OF THING HER MOM
THINKS SHE WEARS
WHEN OUT OF THE
HOUSE...

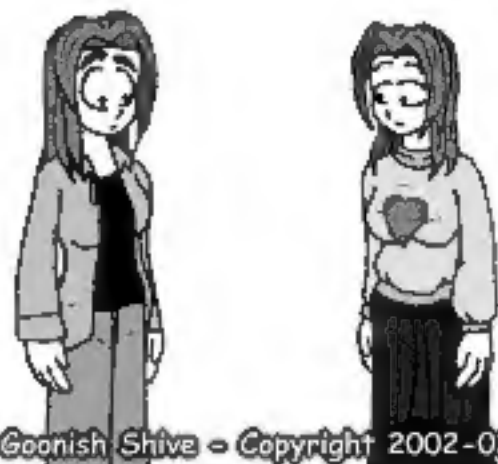
MEANWHILE (YEP, SHE'S STILL IN THE
BATHROOM...)



CAN WE GO
INSIDE? I FEEL
A LITTLE
EXPOSED...

THIS IS SO DISTURBING... I LOOK
LIKE SOME SORT OF TWISTED ELLIOT/
TEDD FEMALE HYBRID...





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SO YOU SEE, MY LAD, THE TRUE MORAL
BEHIND THE BATTLE OF TRENTON IS THAT
IF YOU PARTY TOO HARDY, GEORGE
WASHINGTON WILL KICK
YOUR ASS. ANY QUESTIONS?

JUST ONE.



WHAT DID ANY OF THAT HAVE TO
DO WITH YOU SAYING "GRACE
DIDN'T DIE IN THAT DIMENSION"?!?



NOT A THING.
WE SHOULD GO
UPSTAIRS; I THINK
I HEARD NANASE
ARRIVE.

DAMMIT DAD, YOU CAN'T JUST
LEAVE IT AT THAT! POOR GRACE
IS FROZEN OVER THERE!!

OH, CALM DOWN
ALREADY. I OBVIOUSLY
WASN'T TALKING ABOUT
THAT GRACE.

SNAP
SNAP



NOW BEFORE WE INCLUDE THE OTHERS, I JUST WANT TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS ONE-ON-ONE. NOW, I DON'T WANT YOU TO WORRY: I CONSIDER YOU TO BE THE VICTIM HERE, AND I WANT TO HELP YOU.



ME THE VICTIM? NOT REALLY... I MEAN, YEAH, TEDD TURNED ME INTO A GIRL, BUT NOBODY FORCED ME TO GO TO THAT PLACE AND TOUCH THE DIAMOND...



ELLEN... I KNOW YOU REMEMBER ALL OF THOSE THINGS, BUT YOU DIDN'T DO ANY OF THEM. YOU INHERITED THOSE MEMORIES FROM ELLIOT, BUT THAT'S ALL. YOU DIDN'T EXIST PRIOR TO HIS TOUCHING THE DIAMOND, SO YOU CAN SEE HOW YOU COULDN'T HAVE HAD A HAND IN YOUR OWN CREATION.



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EVERYTHING YOU REMEMBER IS ELLIOT'S PAST, NOT YOUR OWN. YOU ARE A NEW PERSON, ONE WHO IS UNFORTUNATELY BURDENED WITH THE MEMORIES OF ANOTHER.



IT IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO ACCEPT THAT YOU'RE NOT WHO YOU REMEMBER BEING, AND THAT EVERYONE ELSE WON'T SEE YOU AS THAT PERSON EITHER.



ELLIOT, YOUR DUPLICATE'S A CRYBABY.



WHAT DID YOU
DO TO MAKE MY
SISTER CRY?

YOUR "SISTER"?
HOO-BOY... LOOK, I
JUST TOLD HER
HOW IT WAS.

I'LL GO
TALK WITH
HER--

NO!

YOU'D BE A GOOD CANDIDATE IN
MOST SITUATIONS TO MAKE SOMEONE
FEEL BETTER, BUT I THINK IT'S BEST
IF NANASE HANDLES THIS.

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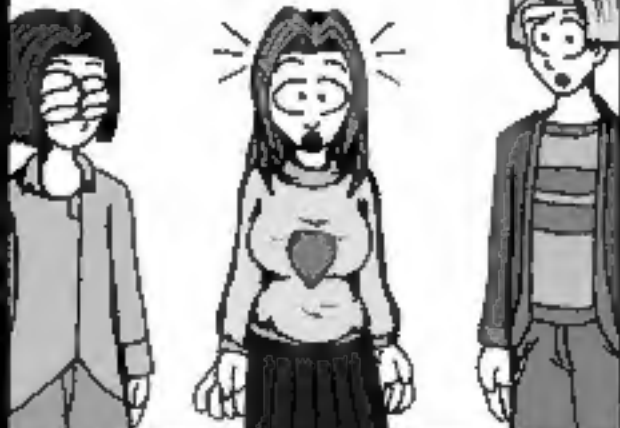
ME?! WHY ME?!
WHY NOT TEDD?
OR JUSTIN?

YEAH, WHY
NOT ME?

SIGH JUSTIN, YOU'RE A GUY, AND BEING ATTRACTED
TO GUYS IS PROBABLY STILL WEIRD FOR HER. TEDD
WAS THE ONE WHO TURNED ME INTO A GIRL IN THE FIRST
PLACE, SO HE'S OUT. GRACE SUGGESTED GOING TO THE
FACILITY, SO SHE'S OUT TOO. TALKING TO SARAH WOULD
BE TOUGH AS, IN A WAY, SHE'S LOST HER AS A GIRLFRIEND.

SUSAN, NO OFFENSE, BUT... HELL
NO. AS FOR ME, I'M THE GUY WITH
THE LIFE THAT SHE WANTS, SO
THAT'S A SORE SPOT. YOU AND
I BROKE UP ON GOOD TERMS,
NANASE, AND I CONSIDER
YOU A GOOD SOURCE
OF ADVICE, SO SHE
SHOULD TOO.

OH... YAY...
IT'S UP TO ME
TO KEEP ELLEN
FROM GOING
TOTALLY INSANE...
YEE...





DAMMIT WHAT THE HELL DO YOU
SAY TO THE FEMALE DUPLICATE OF
YOUR EX-BOYFRIEND WHO IS HIDING
UNDER A TABLE AND CRYING???



WE HAVEN'T
BEEN PROPERLY
INTRODUCED



HELLO MY
NAME IS ELLEN.
IT'S NICE TO
MEET YOU



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MUHP



"SNIFF"
H-HUMOR ME



HELLO MY
NAME IS ELLEN.
IT'S NICE TO
MEET YOU

HI MY NAME
IS NANASE IT'S
NICE TO MEET
YOU



YOU WANT
TO INTRODUCE
YOURSELF TO
EVERYONE ELSE
NOW?

NO IT'S
STUPID

"OH HI YOU ALREADY KNOW
WHO I AM. AND I KNOW WHO YOU
ARE BUT I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE
MYSELF TO YOU ANYWAY AS IF WE
WERE MEETING FOR THE FIRST
TIME NICE TO MEET YAH"

THEY LL JUST LOOK
AT ME FUNNY OR
LAUGH

I'LL HELP WITH IT OK?
AND IF ANYBODY LAUGHS?
I'LL BITCH SLAP THEM.

THANK YOU!!

HUG

...!!!

YOU'RE WELCOME

C'MON NOW TIME TO
GO INTRODUCE YOURSELF
PROPERLY TO EVERYONE. OK?

I'M SCARED

SCARED? REGARDLESS OF WHO YOU
TECHNICALLY MIGHT BE THOSE ARE
FRIENDS IN WAITING OUT THERE!
BESIDES. HOW CAN YOU BE AFRAID OF
THEM AFTER LEAPING BRAVELY INTO
AND SUBSEQUENTLY DESTROYING, A
GIANT SLIME MONSTER?

THAT WAS WIN-
WIN EITHER THE
GOO WOULD BE
DESTROYED, OR I
WOULD DIE A
NOBLE DEATH.
SNIFF

I SEE

YOU SHOULDN'T BE WORRIED AND
YOU DEFINITELY SHOULDN'T BE SCARED
YOU'LL FEEL BETTER AFTERWARDS

I

HM?

I DON'T
WANT TO
LET GO

UH

ANYBODY WHO LAUGHS IS IN FOR A BEATING!!!



AND SO ELLEN INTRODUCED
HERSELF TO EACH INDIVIDUAL
PRESENT NONE LAUGHED, BE
IT DUE TO COMPASSION, OR
FEAR OF NANASE'S WRATH
NANASE CARRIED ELLEN
THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS,
UNTIL ELLEN WAS FINALLY
INTRODUCED TO ALL NANASE
THEN PLACED ELLEN ON THE
SOFA NEXT TO SUSAN (AND
JEREMY, WHO WAS STILL
HOLDING SUSAN CAPTIVE)

UNCLE. IF YOU HAVE
QUESTIONS FOR ELLEN.
ASK THEM NOW WITH
ALL OF US HERE I'M NOT
LEAVING HER ALONE WITH
YOU AGAIN.



VERY WELL ALL I
REALLY WANTED TO
KNOW WAS IF THERE
WERE ANY NOTICEABLE
SIDE EFFECTS TO HER
BEING THE DUPLICATE



OVER THAN BEING
AN EMOTIONAL
WRECK? WELL
I CAN SHOOT WHAT
APPEARS TO BE A
TRANSFORMATION
BEAM FROM MY HAND
I THINK IT'S JUST
FEMALE VARIANT #5.
LIKE ON THE GUN



INTERESTING WELL THERE'S A SAFE WAY
TO BE CERTAIN. TEDD HAS A DEVICE IN THE
LAB THAT CAN DETERMINE WHAT ANY
BLAST FROM THE GUN WOULD
DO IF USED ON SOMEONE
IN EFFECT, THIS DEVICE
ELIMINATES ANY NEED
ONE WOULD HAVE TO
TEST ANY BEAMS
ON AN ACTUAL PERSON
COME TO THINK OF IT
IT LEAVES ME SOMEWHAT
PERPLEXED AS TO HOW
THIS WHOLE FIASCO GOT
STARTED. WHAT WITH
SUCH A USEFUL DEVICE
HANDY



WHY FATHER WHAT IS THIS "DEVICE"
YOU SPEAK OF? I HAVE NO SUCH THING!

NO TEDD YOU DO! DON'T
YOU REMEMBER? IT'S NEXT
TO THE WASHING MACHINE



THANKS
GRACE



DAMMIT TEDD! YOU SAID BACK WHEN ALL THIS STARTED THAT YOU WERE TESTING THE GUN ON YOURSELF. WHY THE HELL DIDN'T YOU JUST USE THAT DAMN MACHINE OVER THERE TO SEE IF THE RAY WAS WORKING PROPERLY?!

WELL--

OH. HE TURNS HIMSELF INTO A GIRL ALL THE TIME. HE CLAIMS IT'S LIKE A VACATION.

DA~AD!!!

QUITE DISTURBING SEEING ONE'S SON LIKE THAT

ZAP

ZAP

ELLEN--?

SIGH I'LL BE UPSTAIRS.

WHAT? HEY I USED THE STUPID DEVICE IT DISPLAYED A GREEN "OK" LIGHT SO I FIGURED I'D ZAP TEDD IS THAT SO WRONG?

OH, AND TEDD? GOOD LUCK WITH FIXING THE GUN. CAUSE I AIN'T ZAPPING YOU BACK TO NORMAL.

HEHE YOU'RE
A CUTE LITTLE
MONSTER CAT
AREN'T YA?

DAMNIT YOU'RE THE
ONE BEING NICE TO IT
WHY ISN'T HE ON TOP
OF YOU???

YOU HAVEN'T
DEALT WITH CATS
MUCH, HAVE YOU?

CATS INSTINCTIVELY PREFER
TO BE WHEREVER THEY ARE LEAST
WANTED IF YOU REALLY WANT HIM
TO GET OFF OF YOU JUST TREAT
HIM AS IF YOU WANT HIM THERE

PURRRRRRR

"scratcher"

"scratcher"

KITT!

HUH OK
JEREMY?

MEREOW?

YES! HE RAN
AWAY! THANK
YOU JU-

WHERE'D
EVERYBODY
GO ???

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"THAT'S ODD I SENSED THAT SOMETHING
VERY DISTURBING WAS HAPPENING UPSTAIRS
BUT IT'S GONE NOW"



WELL WE MIGHT AS
WELL GET BACK UP THERE
AND FINISH SORTING THIS
ALL OUT



HEHEHE



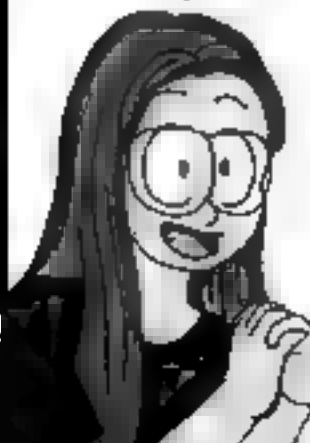
JM. TEDD ?



SHE'S GONNA
DUMP ME FOR
SURE

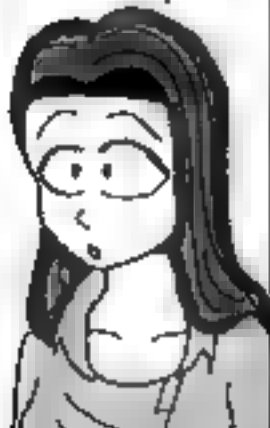


CAN I STYLE YOUR
HAIR LATER NOW
THAT IT'S SO LONG?
PLEASE???



blink
blink

UM SURE
SOUNDS LIKE
FUN.



THANKS! I PROMISE
I'LL MAKE IT LOOK
GOOD!

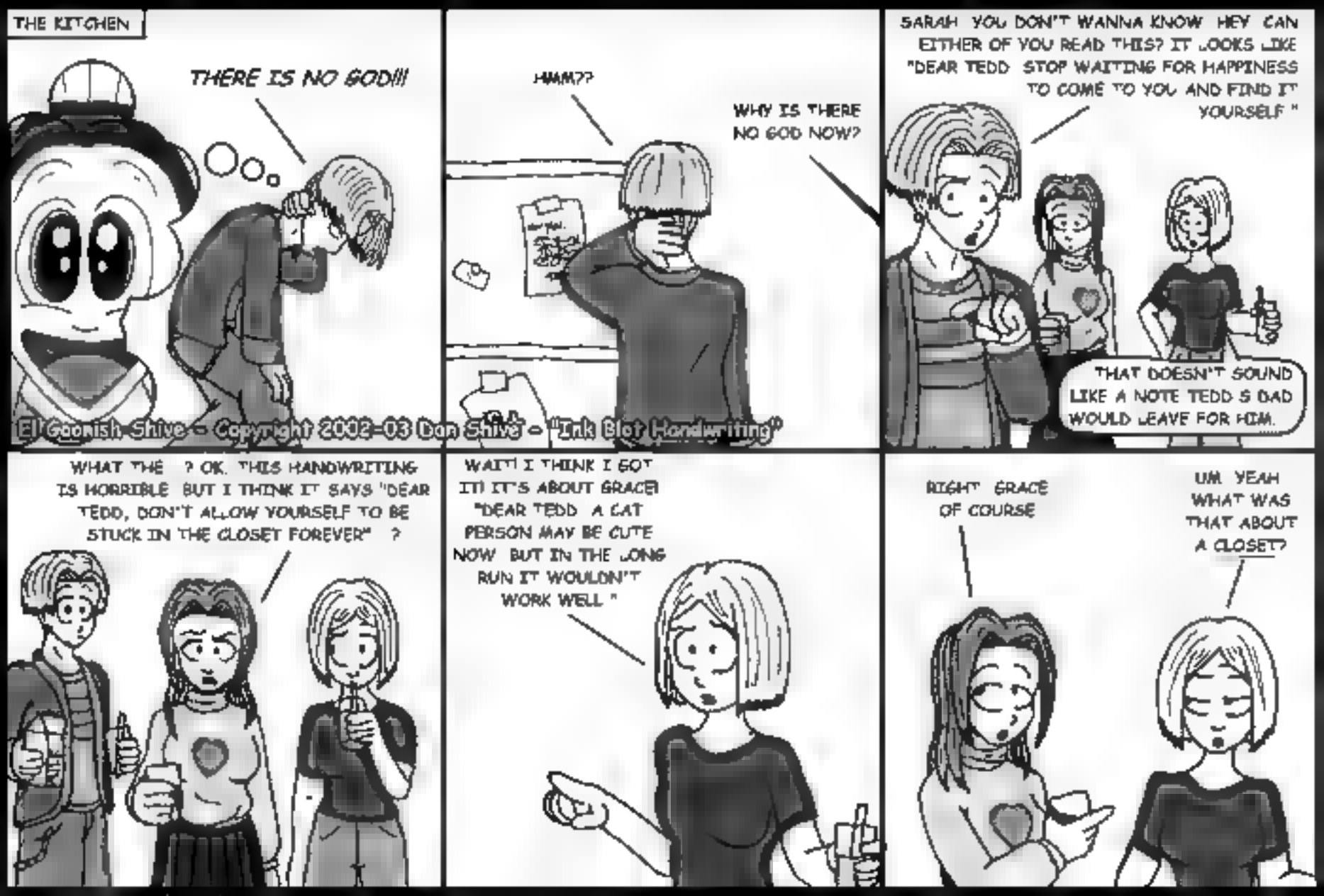


KISS ON
THE
CHEEK

HOLY CRAP
I LOVE HER

TEDD?
YOU COMING
UPSTAIRS?





THE KITCHEN

THERE IS NO GOD!!!

HAAM??

WHY IS THERE NO GOD NOW?

SARAH YOU DON'T WANNA KNOW HEY CAN EITHER OF YOU READ THIS? IT LOOKS LIKE "DEAR TEDD STOP WAITING FOR HAPPINESS TO COME TO YOU AND FIND IT YOURSELF"

THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A NOTE TEDD'S DAD WOULD LEAVE FOR HIM.

WHAT THE ? OK. THIS HANDWRITING IS HORRIBLE BUT I THINK IT SAYS "DEAR TEDD, DON'T ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE STUCK IN THE CLOSET FOREVER" ?

WAIT! I THINK I GOT IT! IT'S ABOUT GRACE!
"DEAR TEDD A CAT PERSON MAY BE CUTE NOW BUT IN THE LONG RUN IT WOULDN'T WORK WELL"

RIGHT GRACE OF COURSE

UM YEAH WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT A CLOSET?

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"SIGH" MAYBE I SHOULD'VE JUST PICKED A GENDER NEUTRAL NAME WHEN TEDD WAS

MAYBE IT'S A MAP?

WHAT THE >

IT'S CALLED A "REFRIGERATOR" CONTAINED WITHIN ARE FOOD AND DRINKS THAT ARE KEPT AT A COLD TEMPERATURE

HILARIOUS WE'RE JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THIS NOTE SAYS DID YOU WRITE IT?

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YES THIS IS A NOTE I LEFT FOR TEDD BEFORE GOING AWAY ON BUSINESS

WHAT'S IT SAY?

IT SAYS "DEAR TEDD. I FORGOT TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF THIS BEFORE YOU LEFT FOR SCHOOL. BUT I WILL BE BRINGING HOME VARIOUS MATERIALS WITH ME IT WILL BE A LOT ENOUGH TO BUILD YOUR TRANSFORMATION GUN TEN TIMES OVER ACTUALLY SEE YOU IN A COUPLE DAYS AND NO FOOLING AROUND WITH SHADE TAIL!"

YOU KNOW IT'S AMAZING I WOULD'VE BEEN HOME IN AT MOST A COUPLE OF DAYS. TEDD COULD'VE FIXED THE GUN USING THE MATERIALS I HAD ORDERED A WHILE BACK AND ELLIOT COULD'VE BEEN BACK TO NORMAL WITH MINIMAL INCIDENT

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME--!!!

UH-OH



HAHAHAHAHA!!!

I'M GUESSING YOU
THINK THIS IS FUNNY

OH OF COURSE I
DO! DOES ELLEN DO
REQUESTS?



WHEN IT FINALLY CAME TIME TO TAKE THE
MATTER TO ELLIOT'S PARENTS IT WAS ALSO
TIME FOR MOST TO GO HOME (INCIDENTLY
SUSAN AND JEREMY SEEMED TO BE GETTING
ALONG BETTER)

JUSTIN DROVE
NANASE AND
SUSAN HOME
BUT LEFT
SARAH BEHIND



TEDD'S FATHER MR VERRES PROCEEDED
TO INSTRUCT THIS ODD GROUP TO KEEP
CERTAIN DETAILS ABOUT THE DAY A SECRET
PRIMARILY DETAILS REGARDING GOO
MONSTERS AND ELLEN.



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MR VERRES ALSO REVEALED ASSUMING ALL
WENT WELL WITH ELLIOT'S PARENTS. THAT
ELLEN WOULD BE ATTENDING MOPERVILLE
SOUTH WITH JUSTIN AND NANASE NOT
MOPERVILLE NORTH WITH ELLIOT THIS
SEEMED TO PLEASE ELLEN



SARAH WAS LEFT BEHIND AS COMFORT
FOR ELLIOT WHO WAS FINALLY READY
TO USE THE BELT TO TURN BACK TO
NORMAL IT BEING A PAINFUL PROCESS.
HE HAD BEEN PUTTING IT OFF SARAH
WOULD BE DROPPED OFF BEFORE MR
VERRES ELLIOT AND ELLEN'S HOUSE
ALL GO TO ELLIOT AND ELLEN'S HOUSE



IN THE END THIS ALL LEFT TEDD AND
GRACE ALONE AT THE VERRES HOUSE

MAN THIS FORM MAKES MY CLOTHES WAY
TOO TIGHT I'D BEST TAKE THEM OFF

WELL IF YOU GET TO BE
NAKED I GET TO BE NAKED
IT'S ONLY FAIR!



NEXT ELLIOT'S HOUSE. AND AWAY FROM THESE TWO!

YOU KNOW THIS PICTURE I TOOK OF ELLIOT THE OTHER DAY TURNED OUT PRETTY WELL. IT'S SO CUTE HOW SHE TRIED TO HIDE FROM THE CAMERA! I THINK WE SHOULD USE IT AS OUR CHRISTMAS CARD THIS YEAR



IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANNA DO GO FOR IT

UM HZ MOM AND DAD!



HELLO SON. SOUNDS LIKE YOU GOT YOUR MANHOOD BACK. GOOD WORK! YOU SHOULD EAT SOME MEAT TO CELEBRATE



OH, YOU'RE BACK TO NORMAL. I'M GLAD



ELLEN? COME ON. IT'S BEST TO GET IT OVER WITH.

EEM



UM. HZ



SOUNDS LIKE YOU LOST IT AGAIN. YOU NEED TO LEARN TO KEEP BETTER TRACK OF YOUR THINGS, ELLIOT

PUT DOWN THE NEWSPAPER, DEAR



ELLIOT AND ELLEN ARE TOLD TO WAIT IN ANOTHER ROOM AS MR VERRES DISCUSSES THE SITUATION WITH ELLIOT'S PARENTS. MR. AND MRS. DUNKEL.

AND THERE YOU HAVE IT. ELLEN IS ELLIOT'S FEMALE DUPLICATE. AND IT HAS TO BE DETERMINED WHERE HER FUTURE IS. AND HOW HER PAST WILL BE FABRICATED.



I DON'T BELIEVE THIS! ELLIOT HAS CROSSED THE LINE THIS TIME!



I CAN'T BELIEVE HE LIED ABOUT THE SLEEPOVER AT TEDD'S HOUSE! IT'S TIME TO LAY DOWN THE LAW!



AS PUNISHMENT ELLIOT DOESN'T GET ANY DESSERT TONIGHT!



OH, BUT HONEY? I MADE BROWNIES EARLIER. REMEMBER?

AW, SHOOT! THAT'S RIGHT. ISN'T IT? OK, HE GETS JUST ONE BROWNIE. THEN IT'S RIGHT TO BED!

WHAT? BUT... BUT HE SNUCK INTO A GOVERNMENT FACILITY! AND WHAT ABOUT ELLEN?



WHAT ABOUT ELLEN? AS I UNDERSTAND IT, SHE HADN'T LIED TO US ABOUT ANYTHING, SO SHE GETS ALL THE BROWNIES SHE WANTS.

YEAH! SHE CAME INTO EXISTENCE AFTER ELLIOT LIED. YOU SAID SO YOURSELF! SHE CAN'T BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THAT, SO WHY SHOULDN'T SHE GET BROWNIES?



I WONDER HOW
THINGS ARE GOING
IN THERE?

I WOULDN'T BE
TOO WORRIED ABOUT
IT. MOM AND DAD ARE
PRETTY EASY GOING
AFTER ALL.

MEOW?

SNIFF
SNIFF

YAWN

THWUMP

WELL, AT LEAST
MOM'S CAT IS
BEHAVING NORMALLY
AROUND ME.

I STILL THINK
THIS CAT HAS
NARCOLEPSY.

Z



WELL, I'VE ALWAYS
WANTED A DAUGHTER
AND THIS TIME HAVING
AN UNEXPECTED CHILD
WON'T FORCE ME TO
DROP OUT OF ANYTHING



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"Not That Bad of a Situation"



CREATING A COVER STORY FOR ELLEN WAS SOMEWHAT COMPLICATED WHILE FEMALE ELLIOT HAD USED THE COVER OF BEING ELLEN, ELLIOT'S COUSIN. BUT BOTH MR. AND MRS. DUNKEL ARE WITHOUT SIBLINGS AS A RESULT ELLEN IS NOW CONSIDERED ELLIOT'S TWIN SISTER FROM A LEGAL STANDPOINT. THE "OFFICIAL" EXPLANATION AS TO WHERE SHE'S BEEN ALL THESE YEARS IS THAT MR. AND MRS. DUNKEL COULDN'T AFFORD TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES AND TWO CHILDREN AND COULD BARELY AFFORD TO KEEP ONE (WHICH, TECHNICALLY WOULD HAVE BEEN ACCURATE) AS A RESULT ELLEN WOUND UP IN FOSTER CARE. NOW THAT THE FAMILY IS FINANCIALLY SECURE SHE'S BEEN REUNITED WITH THEM.

SPEAKING OF FINANCIALLY SECURE IN ORDER TO HELP PAY FOR THE NEW ADDITION TO THE FAMILY (AND TO HELP ENSURE THAT NOBODY GOES BLABBING ABOUT THE DIAMOND), A SWEEPSTAKES WOULD BE RIGGED THAT WILL RESULT IN A MONETARY PRIZE FOR THE DUNKELS WHICH WILL BE GIVEN TO THEM GRADUALLY ON A MONTHLY BASIS.



ON A SIDE NOTE ELLEN WOULD BEGIN SCHOOL IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS GIVING A LITTLE TIME TO GET HER FICTIONAL PAST IN ORDER.

AND SO FROM THE AGES OF 13 THROUGH 16 I JUST SORTA HANGED AROUND THIS ANARCHIST BIKER GANG!

REALLY? I WOULDN'T TELL MOM ABOUT THAT



DOES THIS PLAN FOR ELLEN SOUND A LITTLE ODD TO YOU? PERHAPS IT SOUNDS LIKE THERE ARE SOME HOLES IN IT? WELL DON'T WORRY! KEEP IN MIND THAT IT WAS DESIGNED BY MR. VERRERES AND ALL HIS COVER-UPS WORK NO MATTER HOW HAIR-BRAINED THEY ARE!

HECK JUST LOOK AT HIS INGENUOUS METHODS TO COVER-UP THE PRESENCE OF ALIENS



AND SINCE WE HAVE AN EXTRA PANEL, LET US OBSERVE THE DUNKELS HAVING DESSERT SHALL WE?

WOULD YOU LIKE ANOTHER BROWNIE ELLIOT?

YES PLEASE!



MAN EVEN I WOULDN'T FALL FOR THAT STORY



ELLEN AND I ARE GOING TO SLEEP

WHERE ARE EACH OF YOU
SLEEPING UNTIL WE GET
ANOTHER BED?

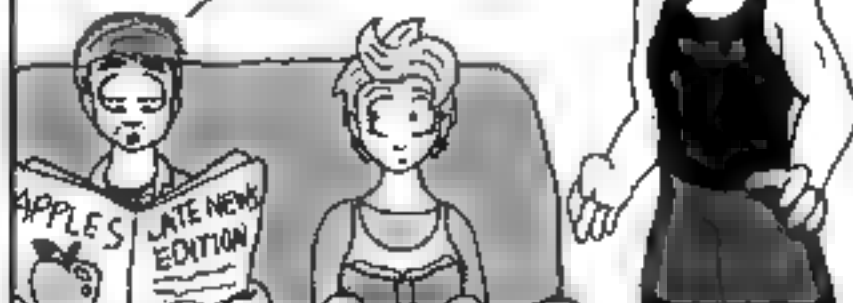
I'M LETTING HER TAKE
THE BED AND I'LL BE IN
MY SLEEPING BAG ON
THE FLOOR OF MY ROOM.



OK. SO YOU'RE NOT SHARING A BED WITH
YOUR SISTER/DAUGHTER. THAT'S GOOD.

WELL YEAH I MEAN-- WAIT SISTER/DAUGHTER?!

SHE IS IN A WAY NOT LITERALLY OF
COURSE BUT SHE COULD BE CONSIDERED
THE DAUGHTER OF YOU AND THAT WEIRD
DIAMOND-THING.



I DON'T KNOW THAT'S A LITTLE TOO OBSCURE
FOR ME TO ME IT'S MORE LIKE ELLIOT WAS
PREGNANT WITH ELLEN WHILE FEMALE AND THE
DIAMOND WAS MORE LIKE THE DOCTOR THAT
DELIVERED THE BABY

OH YES. WHICH
WOULD BASICALLY MAKE
TEDD THE FATHER AND
ELLIOT THE MOTHER



OF COURSE LITERALLY SPEAKING.
SHE'S ELLIOT'S FEMALE DUPLICATE

AND BIOLOGICALLY
SHE'S HIS TWIN.

AND WHILE WE CONSIDER HER OUR
DAUGHTER ELLIOT COULD BE
CONSIDERED HER MOTHER

AND LEGALLY SHE'S
ELLIOT'S SISTER AND
OUR DAUGHTER

AND SHE'S KNOWN AT
ELLIOT'S SCHOOL AS ELLIOT'S
COUSIN.



**GOOD
NIGHT!**

GOOD LORD HOW
COULD ANYONE THINK
OF ELLEN AS MY
DAUGHTER?! I HOPE
ELLEN DIDN'T HEAR
THERE'S NO TELLING
HOW SHE WOULD--

MOMMY!!!

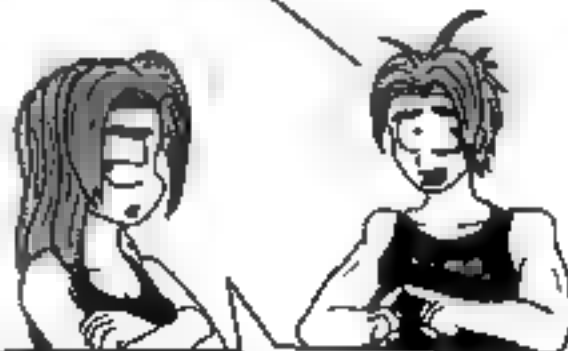
**AAAAAA
AAAAA!!!**

I'M TOO YOUNG AND TOO MALE TO
BE THE MOTHER OF A SEVENTEEN
YEAR OLD FEMALE ME!!!

I WAS ONLY
MESSING WITH YA



HEHE I-I KNEW THAT
HAHAHA HA?



IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT BESIDES.
I REFUSE TO ACCEPT ANY THEORY THAT VIEWS
ME AS TEDD'S RELATIVE HE'S WAY TOO CUTE
FOR ME TO THINK OF HIM AS ONE

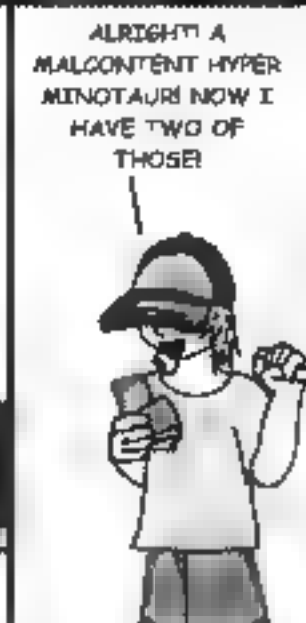


OH. STOP IT
YOU THOUGHT
HE WAS CUTE
TOO YA KNOW

YOU LIE!!!







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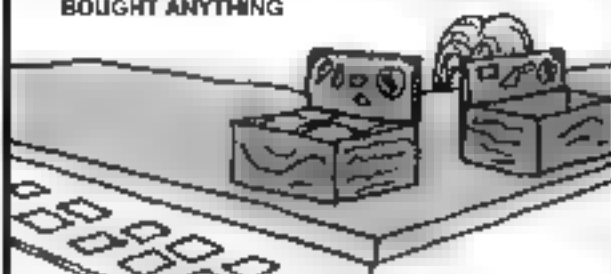


15 SPIDER
WEBS MAN.
THOSE SUCKERS
HAVE BEEN
BUSY



JUSTIN'S LOG, STAR DATE: SATURDAY 2 PM.

THE DAY HAS BEEN A SLOW ONE. I OPENED
THE STORE AT 11 AM, AND THUS FAR HAVE
MADE THE STORE A GROSS PROFIT OF FOUR
DOLLARS. BEYOND THAT I'VE ORGANIZED
1/4 OF MY CARD COLLECTION. WATCHED SOME
VIDEOS ON THE STORE TV AND JUST FINISHED
COUNTING THE SPIDER WEBS. THERE ARE AT
LEAST A DOZEN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL KIDS
PLAYING CARDS AT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE
STORE. BUT ONLY ONE HAS ACTUALLY
BOUGHT ANYTHING



AS OPPOSED TO LOSING MY MIND AS A RESULT
OF MADDENING BOREDOM. I HAVE DECIDED TO
ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE MY SITUATION BY TRYING
TO GET A FRIEND OF MINE TO COME KEEP ME
COMPANY



BLIP
BLOOPYTY
BLEEP

HELLO
MOSHI-MOSHI.
GUTEN TAG
ETC

YEAH OK I'LL
BE THERE IN A FEW
I WAS JUST SITTING
AROUND WATCHING
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
ANYWAY



WOMEN'S
VOLLEYBALL,
EH?

UM, YEAH



INNINTERESTING

I AM SO SLAPPING
YOU ONCE I GET
THERE





OH GOD OH
GOD YOU GUYS
OH JESUS



WHAT'S
WITH
YOU?

**NANASE
IS HERE!!!**



NANASE?!
DUDE! WOW!
OUTTA MY WAY!

OH BOY HERE
COMES YOUR FAN
CLUB



HI NANASE!
HOW YOU DOIN'?

HERE! TAKE MY SODA!
I HAVE HALF A BAG OF
SKITTLES WE COULD
SHARE!

WILL YOU BE MY
GIRLFRIEND???



WELL UM. YOU'RE
ALL NICE AND ALL.
BUT UM



HEY NANASE?

CAN YOU SAY
"I HAVE NO
RESPECT FOR
PEOPLE WITH
NO SHOPPING
AGENDA"?



"I HAVE NO
RESPECT FOR
PEOPLE WITH
NO SHOPPING
AGENDA"?



OH I M GONNA BUY SOMETHING!

I W. BUY 23
COMIC BOOKS!
CAN SOME-
BODY LEND ME
SOME CASH?!

YEAH, ME TOO! CAN
I GET A PACK OF CARDS?
PACK A CARDS HERE!

WHAT CAN
I GET FOR
A QUARTER?!

THIS JOB
IS PRETTY
BORING
ISN'T IT?

EH IT CAN BE
IT'S NOT LIKE
IT'S HARD WORK.
THOUGH.

AND THERE'S THE VERY NICE
BONUS THAT I GET A DISCOUNT ON
EVERYTHING IN THE STORE BECAUSE
I WORK HERE I GOT THESE YU-GI OH
CARDS FOR 35% OFF!

MAI YU-GI-OH?!
DUDE. THAT'S KID
STUFF! WHY NOT
PLAY A MAN'S
GAME?

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VWOOM

YOU'VE TRESPASSED IN MY SOUL, BITCH!

AAAAAAAA~!!!

WOW YOU'VE
BEEN PRACTICING
YOUR ILLUSION
TECHNIQUES
HAVEN'T YOU?

I GOTTA DO
SOMETHING TO
STAY BUSY ON
SLOW DAYS WHEN
I'M HERE ALONE

JUSTIN, IS
SOMETHING
WRONG?

I I SENSE A
GREAT ANNOYANCE
APPROACHING



I WASN'T AWARE
THAT YOU HAD
LEARNED TO
SENSE THINGS
LIKE THAT

I HAVEN'T YET BUT
I DON'T NEED ANY
TRAINING TO KNOW
WHEN SHE'S COMING!
NANASE CAN YOU DO
ME A FAVOR?



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JUSTIN? HONEY
ARE YA IN HERE?

PR-PRETTY

SWOON

THWUMP

KONNICHI
WAI EIGO GA
WAKARIMASENI!

"GOOD AFTERNOON!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND ENGLISH!"

UM HELLO
DO YOU WORK
HERE?

YES I MEAN, HAI

AH! PERHAPS YOU CAN HELP ME YOU SEE
I'M LOOKING FOR MY BOYFRIEND NOW HE S
GOING THROUGH THIS LITTLE "I'M GAY AND
I'M THEREFORE NOT INTERESTED IN YOU
OR ANYONE ELSE WHO IS FEMALE" PHASE
BUT I FIGURE I CAN SNAP HIM OUT OF IT IF
I PLAY MY CARDS RIGHT
ANYWAY I HEARD HE
WORKS HERE AND
THAT HE TENDS TO
WORK ON
SATURDAYS
HIS NAME IS
JUSTIN IS
THAT TRUE?
IS HE HERE?

DAMMIT LEAVE
MY FRIEND ALONE
YOU LITTLE

ER JUSTIN? I
KNOW OF NO
JUSTIN! I'M SORRY!

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OH, GINGERSNAPS!
I HAD THE PERFECT
PLAN TO SEDUCE
HIM. TOO!

OH WELL. I GUESS
I'LL JUST GO FIND
SOME OTHER GUY
TO GO OUT WITH
FOR TONIGHT
THEN REGROUP
ON MONDAY
THANKS FOR
YOUR HELP
MISS UM
FOREIGN
LADY!

WELL THIS
ILLUSION HAS
SERVED IT'S

HEY NANASE
THAT WAS A
COOL ILLUSION!
HEY CAN YOU
MAKE IT LOOK
LIKE YOU'RE
WEARING A
BIKINI?

I DUNNO
I SUPPOSE IT
DEPENDS
YOU GOT
FIVE BUCKS?

I SHOULD'VE
ASKED FOR
TEN

YOU CAN COME OUT
FROM THE BACK ROOM
NOW JUSTIN! SHE'S
GONE!

DID SHE RECOGNIZE YOU?

NOPE!

NICE
OUTFIT

SHE'S STILL
CALLING YOU
HER BOY-
FRIEND

I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND
THAT GIRL! WE WENT OUT
ONCE FRESHMAN YEAR
AND NOTHING SINCE!

THAT IS A LONG
TIME FOR HER TO
BE OBSESSED

I THINK IT'S JUST
SOME SORT OF WEIRD
CHALLENGE TO HER. I
MEAN SHE STILL
DATES OTHER GUYS.

MAYBE SHE DOESN'T LIKE THE IDEA THAT
MAYBE SHE HELPED ME REALIZE THAT I'M
GAY. MAYBE SHE'S JUST BORED. WHAT-
EVER THE CASE, I WISH SHE'D JUST LEARN
TO ACCEPT THAT I'M GAY!!

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EL SOONISH SHIVE

"Name: Scantly Clad for Hire"

OR


"Justin's Frustration"

OR PERHAPS

"Justin's Cat's Out of the Bag"


OR MAYBE

"Dan Couldn't Decide on a Title"




I SUPPOSE
I'LL BE DRIVING
YOU HOME?

IF NOT YOU BETTER
RE-OPEN THE STORE SO
I CAN CALL MY MOM TO
PICK ME UP




HEY MAN,
HOLD UP A
SECOND




JM YOU MIGHT NOT REMEMBER BUT I WAS
SAYING "GAY" A LOT EARLIER. AND I WAS
SAYING IT LIKE IT WAS AN INSULT THAT
WASN'T COOL OF ME

I AM NOT
OUT TO
BASH YOU
OR ANY
BODY ELSE
FOR BEING
DIFFERENT
THE X-MEN
HAVE
TAUGHT ME
BETTER
THAN THAT



WELL, ANYWAY SEE YA
AROUND OH AND THANKS
FOR THE BIKINI PEEK.
NANASE



HUH THAT
WAS KINDA
NICE

YEAH
I WASN'T
EXPECTING
THAT



ESPECIALLY THE PART ABOUT
YOU AND A BIKINI EXPLAIN?

WHAT PART
ABOUT A BIKINI?
HE DIDN'T SAY
ANYTHING ABOUT
A BIKINI!



HAHA FRESH AIR!



OOOHH IT'S SO
NICE TO BE OUTSIDE!
I LOVE IT!



AND YET 3-50
C-C-COLD 88-R-R-R!



COLD-COLD-COLD-COLD-



HAHA FRESH AIR!

El Goolish Shive
PRESENTS:
"LADY
MYSTERIOUS"

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10.30 AM. THURSDAY OF THE WEEK AFTER
ELLEN CAME INTO EXISTENCE

CANDY



CANDY-CANDY-CANDY
EVERYWHERE

YAY!

HEY! THERE S NO
RUNNING IN THE
STORE!!!

OOH.



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OK IT S JUST
CANDY JUST GET
WHAT YOU CAME
FOR. AND LEAVE
CALMLY



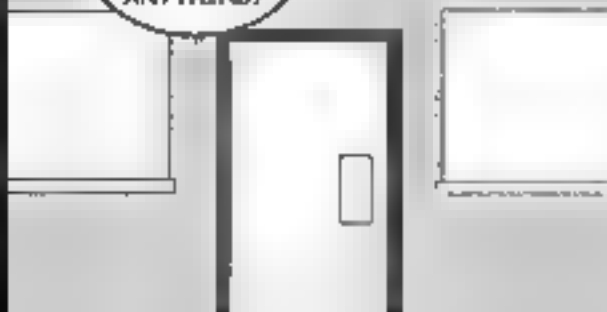
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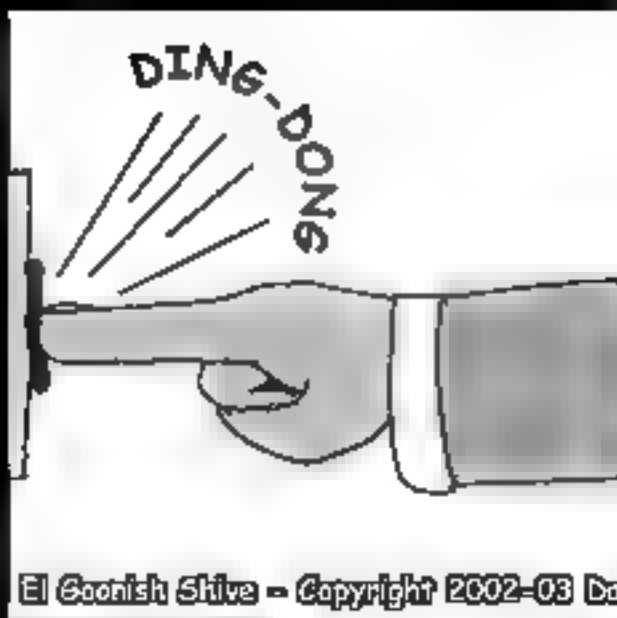
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WHY HELLO
THERE YOUNG
LADY! CAN I
HELP YOU FIND
ANYTHING?

CANDY





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WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHERE DO I KNOW YOU FROM?



WELL I HAD PLANNED TO TELL YOU THAT BUT WE NEED TO GO INSIDE FIRST



FINE

NOW WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN WHO YOU ARE AND HOW I KNOW YOU?



shift
shift



I AM SORRY I DIDN'T WANT TO UPSET YOU



BUT I HAD TO BE INSIDE BEFORE I COULD SHOW OR TELL YOU WHO I REALLY WAS



OTHERWISE THE WRONG PEOPLE COULD FIND OUT AS WELL



MEOW?



WAIT-- YOU'RE GRACE?!

YUP!



ALRIGHT JUST WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU AND TEDD BEEN UP TO NOW??

LOLLIPOP??



SO LET ME GUESS
TEDD MADE A GREEN-
HAired ASIAN FEMALE
VARIANT FOR YOU TO
USE AS A DISGUISE?

CLOSE BUT NO
IT'S MORE THAN
JUST THAT

"AFTER TEDD FIXED THE GUN. HE
DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO TRY
TO UPGRADE THE GUN WITH SOME
SYSTEMS HE'D BEEN WORKING ON
FOR A FEW MONTHS "

"TEDD HAD BEEN WORKING ON MAKING A FORM
THAT WOULD HAVE IDENTICAL RESULTS NO
MATTER WHO WAS ZAPPED. ALL THE OLD
FORMS JUST MODIFIED A PERSON. BUT THIS
WOULD HAVE THE SAME RESULT FOR
ANYBODY YOU SARAH, TEDD. ANYBODY
ZAPPED WITH THE "CLAIRE" FORM WOULD
LOOK EXACTLY AS I DID WHEN I
FIRST ARRIVED HERE TODAY "

DAMMIT TEDD!
WHY DIDN'T YOU
TURN YOURSELF
BACK TO NORMAL
BEFORE TAKING
THE GUN APART AGAIN?!

??? ??? SUCCESS!

OK SO BASICALLY TEDD
WAS WORKING ON A FORM THAT
WOULD ALLOW HIM TO LOOK LIKE
SOMEONE SPECIFIC, AND WHEN HE
FINALLY GOT IT TO WORK. HE LET
YOU USE IT AS A DISGUISE SO YOU
COULD GO OUT IN PUBLIC WITHOUT
FEAR OF GETTING SPOTTED BY YOUR
"BROTHERS"

HUH? NO WE DESIGNED AND PROGRAMMED
THE "CLAIRE" FORM AFTER TESTING THE FORM
HE WAS WORKING ON BEFORE HE MET ME
HERE'S WHAT THAT FORM LOOKS LIKE

HOLY CRAP YOU
LOOK LIKE GILLIAN
ANDERSON!

AW REALLY?
DARN. TEDD
SAID THIS FORM
IS SUPPOSED TO
LOOK LIKE SOMEONE
NAMED "SCULLY"

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"The Clone Forms"

I M GUESSING YOU
DIDN'T WALK ALL THE
WAY HERE JUST TO
SHOW ME YOUR CLAIRE
FORM?

THAT S
RIGHT!

YOU AND I BOTH DON'T ATTEND SCHOOL
LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE YOU'LL BE GOING TO
MOPERVILLE SOUTH EVENTUALLY BUT FOR
NOW WE RE BOTH STUCK AT HOME FROM
EDUCATION ON WEEKDAYS

AS SUCH. I THINK
WE SHOULD PLAY
ON WEEKDAYS!

WE SHOULD
"PLAY"? WHAT
DO YOU MEAN.
EXACTLY?

I MEAN WE
SHOULD PLAY
TOGETHER ON
WEEKDAYS

"PLAY TOGETHER"?
ARE YOU HITTING ON
ME OR SOMETHING?

HUH?

OH! MAN. I M STUPID
YOU JUST WANT TO HANG
OUT WITH ME DON'T YOU?
THAT SOUNDS GOOD!

"HANG OUT"?

LET'S PLAY
TOGETHER ON
WEEKDAYS

YAY!

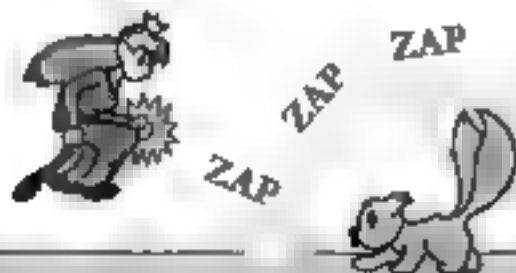
"YAWN"

TRANSGENDER
- PRINCESS -

ELECTRIC TWO-
TAILED SQUIRREL



FIGHT!



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FACE THE
POWER OF SUDDEN
MANLINESS!!!

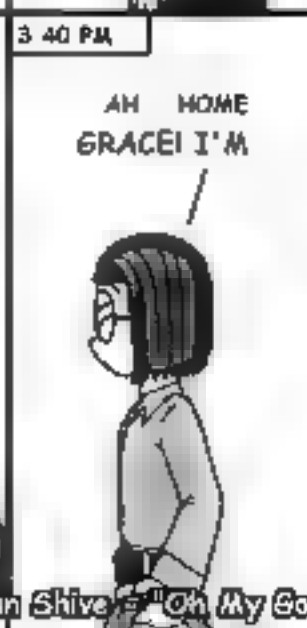


RELOCATED TO TEDD'S HOUSE

HOW?! HOW DO I KEEP LOSING?!

RODENT POWER!





AW
LONG
DAY AT
SCHOOL?

WELL DON'T
YOU WORRY
YOU'RE HOME
NOW



I KNOW I KNOW ONLY ONE OF US
CAN ACTUALLY BE GRACE WELL YOU'RE
RIGHT ONE OF US IS ELLEN BUT YOU'RE
GOING TO HAVE TO USE EVERY BIT OF
YOUR BRAIN POWER TO FIGURE OUT WHO!



W WELL THERE IS NO GRACE
FORM AND YOU DON'T ACT AT
ALL LIKE GRACE SO YOU'VE
GOTTA BE ELLEN.

PUNK



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SO YOU SAW
THROUGH MY
DISGUISE! NO
MATTER YOU
STILL HAVE YET
TO FOIL OUR
EVIL PLANN!



W WHAT
EVIL PLAN?!



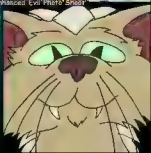
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PHOTO
SHOOT???





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LATER. IN ELLIOT/ELLEN'S ROOM



WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT? WHERE
DO I KNOW YOU
FROM?

WELL I HAD
PLANNED TO TELL
YOU THAT BUT
WE NEED TO GO
INSIDE FIRST

FINE

NOW WOULD YOU PLEASE
EXPLAIN WHO YOU ARE. AND
HOW I KNOW YOU?

I AM SORRY
I DIDN'T WANT
TO UPSET YOU

BUT I HAD TO
BE INSIDE BEFORE
I COULD SHOW OR
TELL YOU WHO I
REALLY WAS.

OTHERWISE
YOU MIGHT NOT
HAVE LET ME IN!

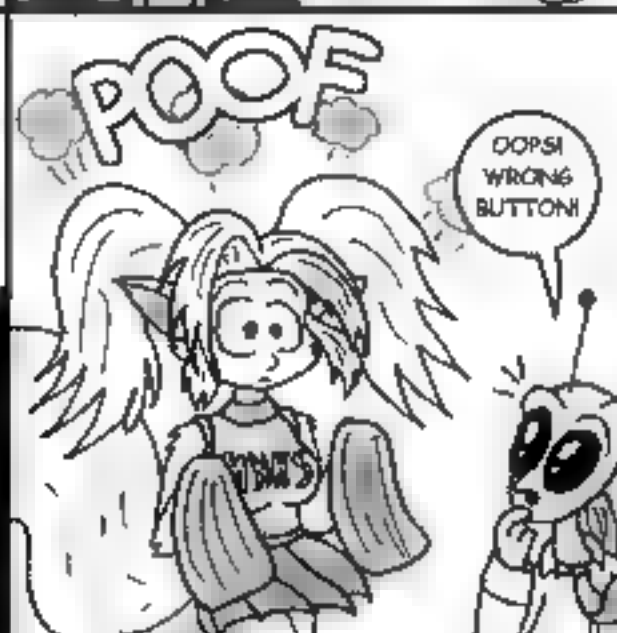
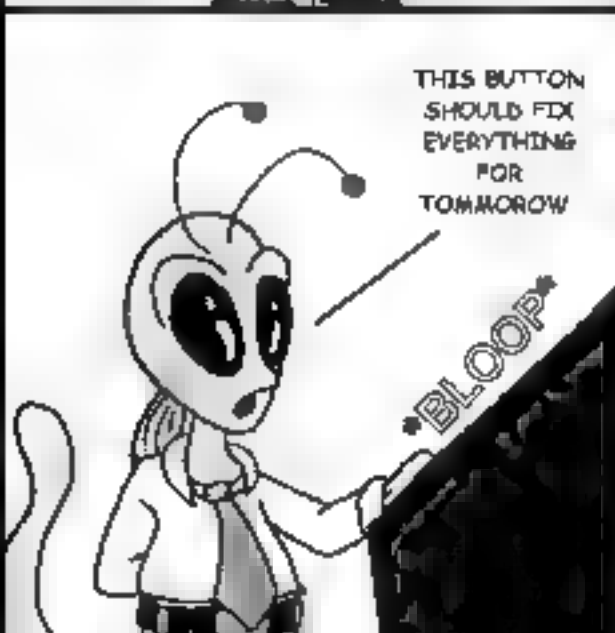
WHAT
THE
MEOW?!

THE CLERK FROM THE THEATER?!

HELL YEAH!
SO YOU WANNA
GO OUT WITH
ME TONIGHT?

IF YOU'LL CHANGE BACK TO THAT
CHICK FORM, I'LL CONSIDER IT

AWESOME!
HEY COULD
YOU SUCK
ON SOME
LOLLIPOPS
IN A
SUGGESTIVE
MANNER?



UM, SIR? HOW DO WE
RETURN YOU TO "NORMAL"?

EH. JUST KEEP PRESSING
BUTTONS. MINION. ONE OF
THEM OUGHT TO FIX THIS



BLOOP

WELL, THAT DIDN'T
DO ANYTHING TRY
ANOTHER ONE



BLOOP

ANY CHANGE?

NONE THAT I CAN
SEE I'LL PRESS
ANOTHER ONE



BLOOP

SIGH NEXT
BUTTON.



BLOOP

NOPE



BLOOP

HEY! IT WORKED!

AH. GOOD
EVERYTHING IS
BACK TO NORMAL



MEANWHILE...

ISN'T IT A
BIT ODD THAT
WE HAVE TAILS
NOW?

NAH. TAILS
AREN'T THAT
STRANGE

ALTHOUGH ALL THAT OTHER STUFF
WAS REALLY WEIRD LIKE WHEN YOU
AND JEREMY SWITCHED FORMS

HMM

YOU KNOW CALL ME
CRAZY BUT I THINK I
LIKE HAVING THIS
TAIL

IT LOOKS
NICE, AND I
COULD USE
IT LIKE AN
EXTRA HAND
FOR SOME
THINGS!

REALLY? I'M SURPRISED. BUT IT IS
NICE TO HEAR YOU'RE HAPPY

THANKS! I

BLOOP

UM. WHAT WERE
WE JUST TALKING
ABOUT?

I DON'T KNOW
WEIRD IT SOMEHOW
FEELS AS IF I LOST
SOMETHING

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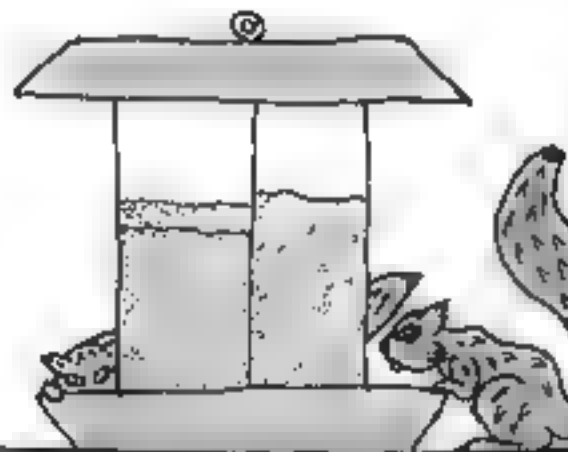
"Squirrel Diplomacy"



HEY TEDD
SOMETHING
INTERESTING
OUTSIDE?



HEY ELLIOT I'M
OBSERVING A NEW BIRD
FEEDER I GOT I FIGURED
THAT STUDYING AVIANS
MIGHT BE HELPFUL
SOMEDAY



THOSE ARE
SOME PRETTY
FURRY BIRDS!



AWWWW THAT'S
SO CUTE! SOME SQUIRRELS
ARE HELPING THEMSELVES
TO SOME BIRD SEED!



WAIT HERE I'LL
BE RIGHT BACK



I'M NOT LETTING
YOU CLUB SQUIRRELS
TEDD

I WAS JUST
GONNA SCARE
THEM AWAY!

"MANKIND HAS TRIED TO
KEEP SQUIRRELS AWAY FROM
BIRD SEED SINCE THE DAWN
OF TIME: IT JUST CAN'T BE DONE
TEDD."

HMMM. WELL. IN THAT CASE.
I'LL REASON WITH THEM WITH
THE HELP OF GRACE! SHE CAN
TALK TO THEM. MAYBE STRIKE
A DEAL OF SORTS

AND SO...

HELLO LITTLE ONE
CAN I TALK WITH YA?

LISTEN. MY BOYFRIEND GOT THAT
BIRDSEED SO HE COULD LOOK AT BIRDS
IS THERE SOMETHING WE COULD GIVE
YOU IN RETURN FOR YOU AND THE OTHER
SQUIRRELS NOT EATING IT?

THE DAY AFTER NEGOTIATIONS...

YOU PUT OUT SEPERATE FOOD
FOR THE SQUIRRELS? ISN'T THAT
MORE EXPENSIVE THAN JUST
PUTTING OUT MORE BIRDSEED?

NAH I SHOP
SMART

OW! HEY! WHAT
THE HECK--?!

"SIGH" I HAVE STUFF I
GOTTA DO IF PUSH
COMES TO SHOVE JUST
PUT OUT MORE BIRD
SEED OK?

HA!PH!

HEY GRACE DO
YOU KNOW WHY THEY
WERE THROWING THAT
FOOD I GOT THEM AT
ME???

THEY HAVE
DECLARED YOUR
FOOD SELECTION
TO BE A GRAND
INSULT TO SQUIRREL
KIND AND AS SUCH
THEY DEMAND AN
APOLOGY IN THE
FORM OF A STATUE

THEY WANT A
STATUE NOW?!
BUT....BUT--

FINE THEY
GET A STATUE

dum-dee-dee-

OK ARE THEY
SATISFIED NOW
THAT THEY HAVE
THIS MONSTROSITY?

THEY SAY IT IS
A GOOD STATUE.
OF FINE CRAFT
MANSHIP AND OF
EXCELLENT
MATERIAL. BUT
THEY CONSIDER IT
TO BE TOO GIRLY

WHAT'S GIRLY
ABOUT IT? IT'S
A GIANT STONE
SQUIRREL!

I AM NOT SURE
MYSELF BUT NOW
THEY DEMAND A
NEW MORE MANLY
STATUE COMPLETE
WITH IT'S OWN
SHRUBBERY

A SHRUBBERY? WHAT IS THIS,
A MONTY PYTHON SKETCH?

<NEI>+
<NEI>
<NEI>
<NO NO NEI>
<NEI>

AW, FORGET IT!
I'LL JUST PUT OUT
EXTRA BIRDSEED!

END!

Translated from the noble language of the squirrels

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DUMMM-!!



Mopertville North High School
LUNCH TIME

OH. SAVE THAT
FOR HOME YOU
SHOWOFFS!



HA HA
VERY
FUNNY

MAMA. LUNCH



HEY SARAH
PLAY WITH YOUR
MAN-TOY LATER
I WANNA GET MY
LUNCH

C'MON, ELLIOT!
I GOT US A GOOD
LUNCH TABLE!



UM ACTUALLY ELLIOT
AND I WOULD LIKE TO TRY SITTING
TOGETHER FOR ONCE YOU TWO COULD
JOIN US. IF YOU LIKE



SHORTLY

THIS
IS NICE

YEAH,
IT IS!



GrRrRrR...

"Feuding 'In-Laws?"

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IT'S NOT
GOING WELL
BETWEEN
THOSE TWO
IS IT?



DOESN'T LOOK
LIKE IT. MAYBE WE
SHOULD TRY TO GET
THEM TO OPEN UP A
LITTLE TO EACH
OTHER.



I DOUBT THAT'D
WORK WITH THOSE
TWO. WHY DON'T WE
SNEAK OFF AND MAKE
OUT IN THE JANITOR'S
CLOSET INSTEAD?



YOU'VE
GOT SOME
WEIRD
FANTASIES.



HEY GUYS! I WAS
THINKING NOW
THAT WE'RE ALL

TOGETHER.
IT MIGHT HELP
US ALL GET
ALONG IF WE
EACH SHARED
SOMETHING
ABOUT OUR-
SELVES WITH
THE GROUP!
HOW DOES
THAT SOUND?



WELL, ELLIOT AND I ARE GOING
TO GO MAKE OUT IN THE JANITOR'S
CLOSET! YOU TWO HAVE FUN!



SARAH.

YOU WANT ME TO
SHARE SOMETHING
PERSONAL ABOUT
MYSELF WITH HER?
SHE'LL JUST TWIST
WHAT I SAY INTO
ANTI-MALE
PROPAGANDA!

OH PLEASE LIKE
YOU WOULDN'T
TAKE ANYTHING
I SAY AND TURN
IT INTO SOME
THING PERVERSE

YEAH I PROBABLY WOULD
WHAT'S YOUR POINT?

LOOK I'LL GO
FIRST OK? UM
UH.. HM.

THE CLOSET OPTION
IS STILL ON THE TABLE
YA KNOW

OK OK I GOT SOMETHING
I USED TO HAVE THIS BAD HABIT
WHERE I'D GO LOOKING FOR FIGHTS
WITH BULLIES

I HAVEN'T REALLY DONE THAT SINCE
JUNIOR HIGH, ALTHOUGH I DID GET INTO
THIS BIG FIGHT FRESHMAN YEAR

A BIG FIGHT
FRESHMAN YEAR?
I DON'T REMEMBER
THAT

IT DIDN'T HAPPEN AT
SCHOOL THIS GUY WAS
GETTING BEATEN UP BY
A FEW GUYS AND I
FOUGHT THEM OFF

WAS HE SOMEBODY
I WOULD KNOW?

NO YOU
WOULDN'T KNOW
HIM

MOPERVILLE SOUTH

AH-
CHOO!

"SNIFF"

BLESS YOU

AS LOVELY AS IT IS TO KNOW THAT
MY FRIEND IS DATING A VIOLENT THUG
IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN THAT LITTLE BIT
OF SHARING TO GET ME TO OPEN UP



OH LIKE
YOU'VE GOT
ANYTHING
THAT'S
WORTH
SHARING!

I COULD TELL YOU
SOMETHING THAT WOULD
BLOW YOUR MIND. BUT
I AM NOT GONNA SAY
IT UNLESS EVERYONE
ELSE SHARES FIRST!



WELL, IN THE
INTEREST OF
MORBID
CURIOSITY
I'VE GOT
SOMETHING



I LIKE TO
DRAW COMIC
STRIPS IN MY
SPARE TIME
THEY'RE NOT
THAT GOOD, BUT
I LIKE TO MAKE
THEM ANYWAY



WHOA, REALLY?
HAVE YOU DRAWN
ANYTHING LIKE
HENTAI?



CAN I SEE SOME OF YOUR COMICS?

WELL, I ONLY HAVE
SKETCHES ON ME. YOU
CAN LOOK, BUT LIKE
I SAID, THEY'RE NOT
THAT GOOD.



ELLIOT: "HEY, THESE
ARE GOOD! WHAT DO
YOU CALL THIS GUY?"



SARAH: "REALLY?
THAT CHARACTER
IS NAMED DAN."

ELLIOT: "COOL."

LET'S SEE ELLIOT USED TO LOOK FOR TROUBLE SARAH DRAWS CUTE CARTOONS SO THAT JUST LEAVES SOMETHING FROM TEDD, AND THEN ME

HEY WHY AM I NEXT? WHY DON'T YOU SHARE?



YOU MIGHT AS WELL JUST GO FIRST TEDD I MEAN YOU'RE GONNA SHARE SOMETHING EVENTUALLY ANYWAY RIGHT?

BAH.



LET'S SEE THE ORIGIN OF MY TRANSFORMATION GUN? NO THAT INCIDENT WITH SARAH? NAH THE FACT THAT I AM FLUENT IN AN ALIEN LANGUAGE? MEH MEG CHUG!



OK HERE WE GO I HAVE PERFECT 20/20 VISION, AND I DON'T NEED TO WEAR THESE GLASSES AT ALL



SWEET JESUS! YOUR FACE LOOKS JUST LIKE IT DID WHEN YOU WERE A WOMAN! YOUR FACE IS NATURALLY FEMININE?!

SURELY YOU NOTICE SOME DIFFERENCE

DOESN'T WEARING GLASSES YOU DON'T NEED MESS UP YOUR VISION?



NORMALLY YES. IT WOULD BUT THESE ARE SPECIAL GLASSES THAT ENHANCE REGULAR VISION HERE TRY THEM ON AND SEE FOR YOURSELF



TEDD THERE'S A SMALL BUTTON ON THE RIGHT-SIDE OF THE GLASSES CLICK IT TO SEE DIFFERENT WAYS THE GLASSES CAN MODIFY VISION.



CLICK

SUSAN: I SEE THAT'S WEIRD

CLICK AGAIN TO SEE MORE



GAH THAT'S TOO CLOSE!



whisper
whisper



MEANWHILE

WHY DID SARAH SUDDENLY APPEAR ON THE SCREEN?

WHAT I WANNA KNOW IS. WHY DOES THIS SORT OF THING ALWAYS HAPPEN RIGHT WHEN I'M ABOUT TO RESCUE THE PRINCESS???



ANYWAY

CLICK

HEY WHAT GIVES? WHY IS THERE A MODE THAT MAKES EVERYTHING PITCH-BLACK?

OH. THAT'S ALL THAT'S LEFT OF AN UNWANTED FEATURE THAT I REMOVED.

WHAT 'FEATURE' WAS THAT?



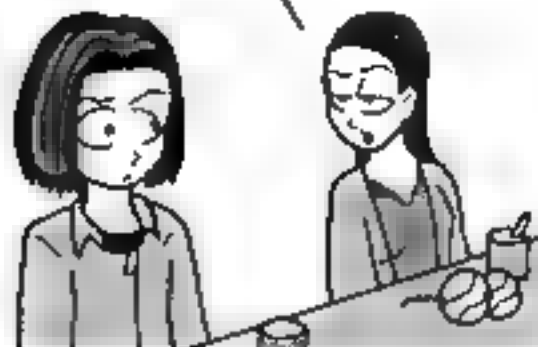
WELL IF YOU WANT A GOOD CLUE. I HAVE A FEELING THAT ELLIOT WARNED SARAH ABOUT IT A MINUTE AGO



JM SARAH? I THINK IT WAS A FALSE ALARM. YOU CAN STOP HUGGING YOUR PURSE LIKE THAT

THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY MR NO-BOOBS!

YOU KNOW I SHOULDN'T
BE SURPRISED IT FIGURES THAT
YOU WOULD CREATE A HIGH-TECH
WAY OF SEEING THROUGH
CLOTHING



OK FIRST OF ALL I DIDN'T MAKE THOSE
GLASSES I GOT THEM FROM MY FATHER
AND THAT "X-RAY SPECS" OPTION WAS
CREATED SO ONE COULD SEE HIDDEN
WEAPONRY SECONDLY I'VE SPENT
YEARS WORKING ON GETTING RID OF
THAT FEATURE!



DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW
MANY OPPORTUNITIES I'VE HAD TO
SEE SARAH NAKED? EVERY TIME I SAW
HER WHILE WEARING THOSE GLASSES
WAS AN OPPORTUNITY BUT I NEVER
DID BECAUSE THAT WOULDN'T
OF BEEN RIGHT NO MATTER HOW
COOL OR SEXY IT WOULD VE BEEN!



RIGHT SO
ARE YOU TRYING
TO CONVINCE ME
THAT YOU'RE NOT
A PERVERT?



WHAT? HELL NO! OF COURSE I M A PERVERT! I MAY NOT THINK THAT
KIND OF VOYEURISM IS RIGHT BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE ME ANY
LESS OF A PERVERT! OK MAYBE A LITTLE LESS. BUT I OBSESS ABOUT
LESBIANS WOMEN WITH TAILS TURN ME ON AND I CAN TELL YOU
POINT BY POINT WHAT'S SEXY ABOUT A GUY BEING TURNED INTO
A HOT CHICK! I LIKE THE IDEA OF A SHRINK POTION PERHAPS IN
SODA FORM JUST BECAUSE OF THE MENTAL IMAGE OF A WOMAN
GRADUALLY SHRINKING OUT OF HER CLOTHES! AND IF IT WERE UP
TO ME THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE WOULD BE A ROTATION OF
FETISH OUTFITS. RANGING FROM CATHOLIC SCHOOL
GIRL TO BUNNY OUTFITS. ALL LEADING UP TO
NAKED FRIDAYS. ONLY ALL THE GUYS WOULD BE
TURNED INTO HOT CHICKS (OTHERWISE IT
WOULD BE NASTY). COMPLETE WITH MANDATORY
GAMES OF TWISTER AT NOON!



OK THEN. NAKED FRIDAYS? YEEESH I M
SURE YOUR GIRLFRIEND WOULD APPRECIATE
THAT IDEA

ACTUALLY
THAT WAS HER
IDEA GOD. I LOVE
THAT WOMAN



WELL TEDD YOU MAY VERY WELL BE
A PERVERT BUT IT'S NICE TO FIND THAT
YOU AT LEAST HAVE SOME MORALS

DAMN RIGHT!



AS IT STANDS. EACH OF YOU HAS
SHARED SOMETHING PERSONAL WITH
THE GROUP AND AS PROMISED I
SHALL DO THE SAME



NOW HOW
DO I PUT THIS? I AM
A NATURAL BLONDE
BUT I DYE MY HAIR
IN ADDITION SUSAN
ISN'T MY FIRST NAME
IT IS ACTUALLY MY
MIDDLE NAME MY FULL
NAME IN TRUTH
IS TIFFANY SUSAN
POMPOMS



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YOU'RE
A BLONDE?!



"TIFFANY
S. POMPOMS"?



WHOA. I NEEDS
TO GET ME SOME
YARN



WAIT
WHAT?!



AW HELL I SHOULD VE
JUST GIVEN THEM THE DETAILS
OF MY PARENTS DIVORCE



WOW SUSAN.
I HAD NO IDEA
THAT YOU DYED
YOUR HAIR

YOU DON'T SEEM
TOO SURPRISED ABOUT
THE NAME THING



WELL YEAH SUSAN
AND I HAVE BEEN IN
THE SAME CLASSES
BEFORE SO I KNEW
ABOUT THAT



BACK IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

I'M SORRY TIFFANY BUT
I REFUSE TO REFER TO ANY OF
MY STUDENTS BY NICKNAMES
EVEN IF IT IS YOUR MIDDLE
NAME



THIS ISN'T OVER
YOU DICTATORIAL
LECTURER!



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BUT WHY WOULD YOU RATHER
BE CALLED SUSAN? TIFFANY IS SUCH
AN UPBEAT AND BOUNCY NAME! AND
WHY DYE YOUR HAIR? I MEAN, EVEN
BLONDES WITH SMALL BREASTS, SUCH
AS SARAH, ARE SEXY!



SMALL?



TIFFANY'S POMPOMS
MAKES ME SOUND FAR
TOO MUCH LIKE A
STEREOTYPICAL
CHEERLEADER THAT
AND MY MOTHER
CHOSE MY MIDDLE
NAME WHILE MY
FATHER CHOSE MY
FIRST AS FOR THE
HAIR I DECIDED TO
DYE IT WHEN MY
PARENTS GOT
DIVORCED AFTER MY
FATHER CHEATED ON
MY MOTHER WITH
A YOUNG BLONDE



AW MAN. I'M
SORRY I KNOW
HOW MUCH IT SUCKS
TO HAVE YOUR
PARENTS GET
DIVORCED

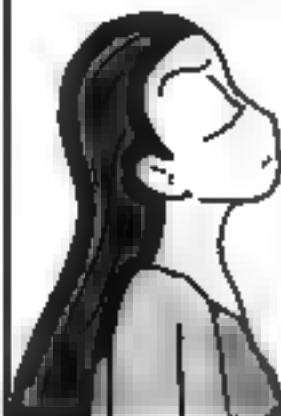


ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOUR PARENTS ARE ALSO DIVORCED?

YEP LAST I CHECKED MY MOM WAS SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE



SIGH



GLARE



EEPI



DON'T HURT ME!!!



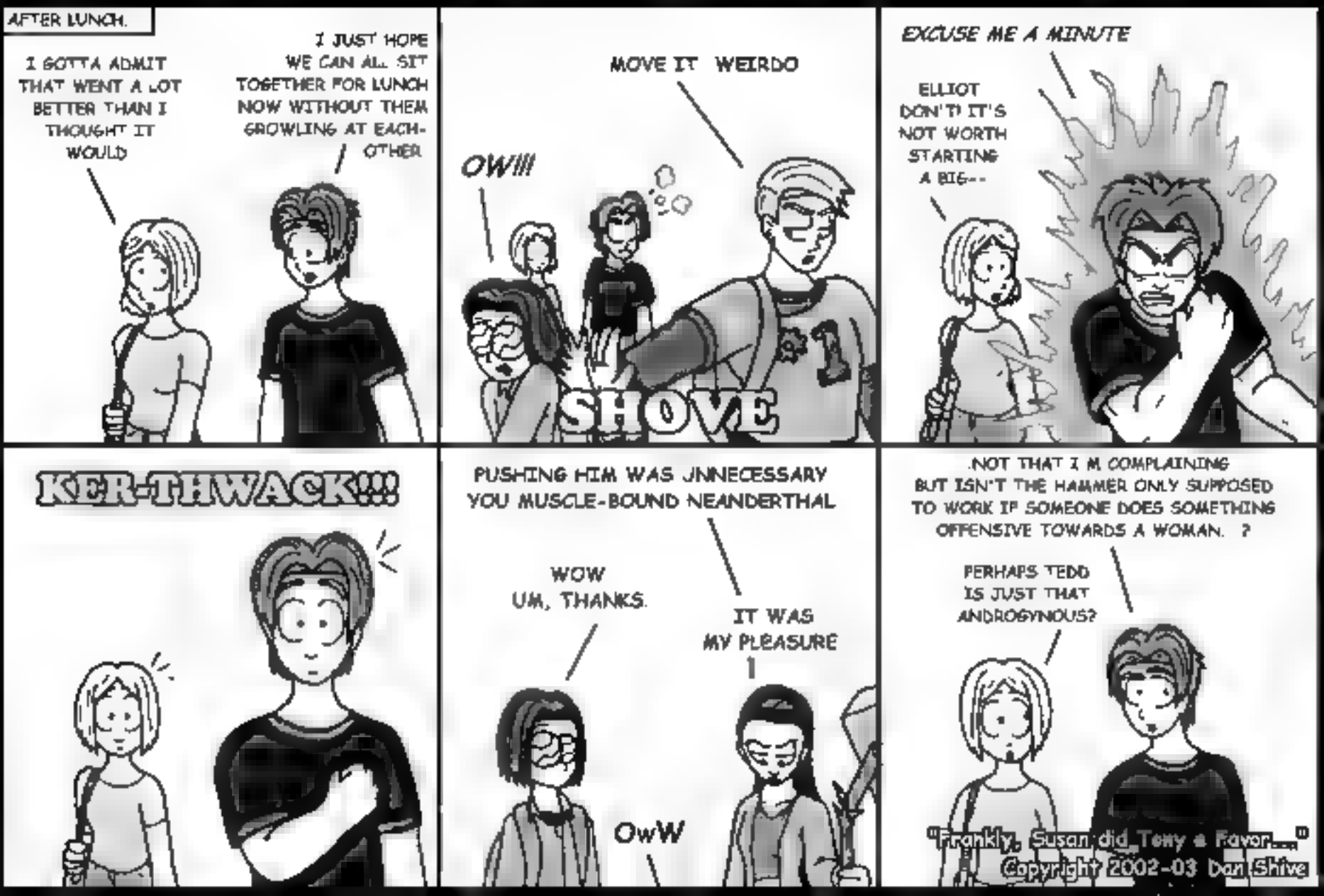
TAWUMP



I WAS ONLY EXTENDING MY HAND TO SHAKE YOURS AND OFFER A TRUCE, YOU DOPE

I SPILLED MY SODA.





AFTER LUNCH.

I GOTTA ADMIT THAT WENT A LOT BETTER THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD

I JUST HOPE WE CAN ALL SIT TOGETHER FOR LUNCH NOW WITHOUT THEM GROWLING AT EACH-OTHER

MOVE IT WEIRDO

OW!!!

SHOVE

EXCUSE ME A MINUTE

ELLIOT DON'T! IT'S NOT WORTH STARTING A BIG--

KER-THWACK!!!

PUSHING HIM WAS JNNECESSARY YOU MUSCLE-BOUND NEANDERTHAL

WOW UM, THANKS.

IT WAS MY PLEASURE

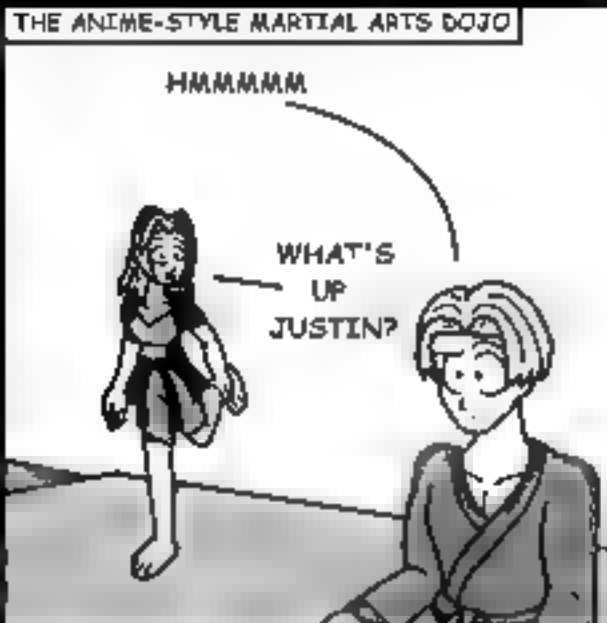
OwW

NOT THAT I M COMPLAINING BUT ISN'T THE HAMMER ONLY SUPPOSED TO WORK IF SOMEONE DOES SOMETHING OFFENSIVE TOWARDS A WOMAN. ?

PERHAPS TEDD IS JUST THAT ANDROGYNOUS?

Frankly, Susan did Tony a Favor...

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HHMMMM

WHAT'S
UP
JUSTIN?



EH. I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT NIRVANA
SINCE WHEN
ARE YOU INTO
GRUNGE MUSIC
FROM THE EARLY
NINETIES?

NOT THAT NIRVANA!
"NIRVANA" AS IN THE
STATE OF PERFECT
BLISS FREE OF
DESIRE AND SELF



I'M SURE I AM NOT THE FIRST TO POINT THIS
OUT BUT HOW CAN I REACH A STATE FREE OF
DESIRE WHEN THE STATE ITSELF IS
SOMETHING THAT I DESIRE? DOESN'T THAT
MAKE IT A SORT OF UM

NANASE? ARE
YOU LISTENING
TO ME?



OF COURSE I AM!
I AM JUST DOING
SOME STRETCHES
BEFORE CLASS.

YOU ARE
FREAKISHLY
FLEXIBLE

THANKS!



ANYWAY I DUNNO
DO YOU THINK I AM OVER-
THINKING THIS WHOLE
"DESIRE TO HAVE NO
DESIRE" THING?



I THINK BEFORE YOU
CONCERN YOURSELF
WITH THAT FINAL STEP
YOU SHOULD TRY TO
FREE YOURSELF OF SOME
LESSER DESIRES SUCH
AS YOUR DESIRE FOR
RARE MAGICAL
GATHERINGS CARDS

BUT BUT THE
GLUTTONOUS
HAMSTER CARD
IS A TEN / TEN
THWACKER FOR
ONLY THREE
NEWTS!

HEY

HELLO ELIOT
IS ELLEN WITH
YOU?

SORRY, NO I JUST CAN'T SEEM
TO CONVINCE HER TO COME TO
CLASS WITH ME

POUT

I WISH SHE'D COME TO CLASS SHE'S GOING
TO BE STARTING TO GO TO MOPERVILLE SOUTH
WITH JS REALLY SOON. AND NANASE AND I
HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE THAT DAY WE
FOUGHT THE 500 IT'S GOING TO BE PRETTY
AWKWARD SEEING HER AT SCHOOL
AT THIS RATE

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YEAH. I KNOW WELL. I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET HER TO COME HERE
BUT WHAT IF YOU THREE WERE TO DO SOMETHING THIS FRIDAY? SHE'D
PROBABLY BE UP FOR THAT IDEA. AND I'LL BE OUT OF THE HOUSE WITH
SARAH, TEDD AND GRACE

THAT COULD WORK
WHAT ARE YOU AND
THE OTHERS DOING?

JUST GOING TO SOME
MOVIE BELIEVE IT OR NOT
GRACE HAS NEVER BEEN
TO A MOVIE THEATER

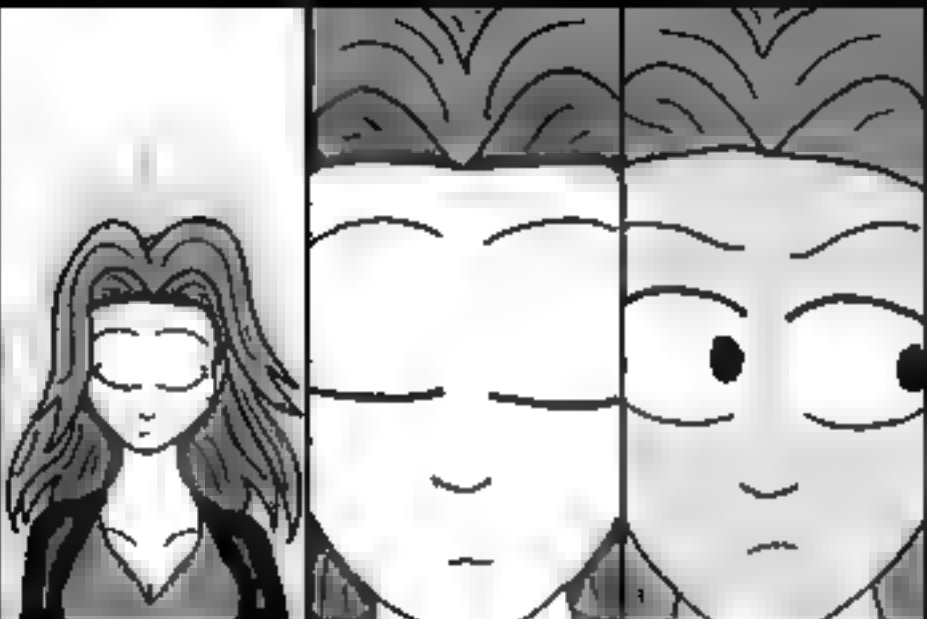
I GUESS I'LL HAVE ELLEN CALL
YOU OR JUSTIN IF SHE'S INTERESTED
IN DOING ANYTHING FRIDAY?

NO NEED
I'LL ASK HER
ABOUT IT RIGHT
NOW

NANASE? NANASE!
DAMMIT WHAT THE
HELL IS SHE DOING?

I DUNNO, BUT I D GUESS
IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO
WITH TALKING
TO ELLEN?

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DO YOU WANNA BE THE
ONE WHO MAKES THE WISE-
CRACK ABOUT THEM INVENTING
PHONES WHEN SHE SNAPS OUT
OF THIS OR SHALL I?

YOU MAY HAVE THE
HONORS IN THE MEANTIME
I LL BE BRAIDING HER HAIR



NOW HOW CAN
I QUICKLY CONFIRM
THAT MY FAIRY AVATAR
IS IN THE RIGHT
HOUSE?

SNIFF

SNIFF

HEY, BROWNIE

MEOW

NO! BAD CAT! THAT'S A BAD CAT!

MEOW

MEANWHILE

HM?
WHA?

UGH
WHAT'S
THAT CAT
MEOWING
ABOUT?

BYE BROWNIE!
NO PLAYTIME FOR
YOU!



MEOW?

SORRY FOR THE TEASE!
I'LL BRING YOU A TREAT
NEXT TIME I'M AROUND!



CRASH

OW WHAT D
I HIT? AND WHERE
DID I LAND???



WHAT THE HELL?!



OH





IT'S NOT TOO HARD TO FIGURE OUT NOW JUST HOW HARD SHOULD I SLAP TEDD OVER HIM TURNING YOU INTO A FAIRY?

NO, NO! TEDD HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!



"I'M NOT ACTUALLY TRANSFORMED. I'M USING A SPELL THAT MAKES IT SO A FAIRY VERSION OF MYSELF TAKES PHYSICAL FORM NEAR A PERSON I WANT TO COMMUNICATE WITH. ONLY WITH A SMALL MARGIN OF ERROR, WHICH EXPLAINS WHY I DIDN'T APPEAR RIGHT BY YOU. MY REAL BODY IS BACK AT THE ANIME MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL. IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THIS BODY, I'LL FEEL IT, BUT I WON'T ACTUALLY BE HURT, NO MATTER HOW THE SPELL ENDS, EITHER BY CHOICE OR BY SOMETHING BAD ENOUGH HAPPENING TO THE FAIRY AVATAR. I'LL SIMPLY AWAKEN IN MY REAL BODY. IN THE MEAN TIME, I'M UNAWARE OF ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS WITH MY REAL BODY."



WOW, NANASE. SOMETHING PRETTY SERIOUS MUST BE GOING ON IF YOU'RE CONTACTING ME IN SUCH A WAY THAT LEAVES YOUR BODY SO VULNERABLE!

UH, WELL.



ACTUALLY, I WAS JUST KINDA WONDERING IF YOU'D LIKE TO DO STUFF WITH ME AND JUSTIN ON FRIDAY.



YOU'RE AWARE THAT THEY HAVE A LOVELY INVENTION KNOWN AS THE "TELEPHONE" NOW, RIGHT?

WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?





RELAX LITTLE FAIRY! I WAS JUST MESSING WITH YA WHY DON'T WE JUST RENT A MOVIE?

RENTING SOUNDS GOOD BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT I ~~KNEW~~ YOU WERE JOKING AND THAT I WOULD NOT DWELL WITHIN YOUR SHORT IN ANY CASE!

DID YOU NOT SO DWELL ONLY MINUTES AGO?

MUCH TO MY ENDLESS SHAME

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ALRIGHT I NEED TO GET BACK TO CLASS. I'LL CONTACT YOU BEFORE WE DO STUFF ON FRIDAY BY FAIRY SO LEAVE THE FAIRY DOLL OUT ON YOUR DRESSER

UM, WHAT FAIRY DOLL?

POOF

OH KAY THEN I HAVE A FAIRY NANASE DOLL NOW ONE THAT MAY OR MAY NOT TURN INTO THE REAL FAIRY NANASE LATER?

THAT'S IT I'M GETTING THAT GIRL A PHONE COME NEXT CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY NIGHT

I BET GRACE IS EXCITED
ABOUT GOING TO A MOVIE
THEATER FOR HER
FIRST TIME



CONSIDERING HOW EXCITED SHE
WAS OVER HER FIRST PIECE OF
TOAST THAT'S A PRETTY SAFE BET

WELL IN ANY CASE. IT WILL BE NICE
TO ACTUALLY SPEND SOME TIME WITH
GRACE WITHOUT ANYTHING STRANGE
AND UNUSUAL GOING ON.



DING-DONG

HMM? WHAT
WAS THAT?

THE DOOR BELL?
OH CRAP! THEY'RE
EARLY!

SOUNDED LIKE
THE DOOR BELL



SHALL I LET
THEM IN?

WE CAN'T JUST
LEAVE THEM OUT
IN THE COLD!

NO! WE NEED TO
REVERSE THIS
FIRST!

OK OK, LET
THEM IN!

NOT LIKE
THIS!

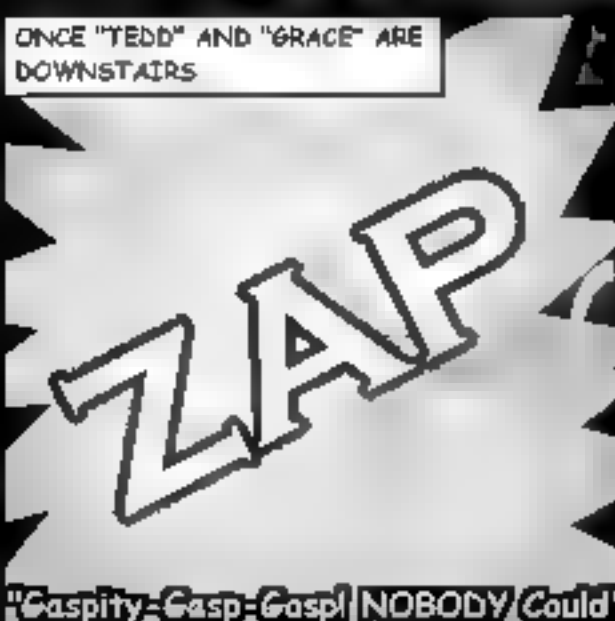
WAIT-- SHOULDN'T
YOU ANSWER THE DOOR?

OH RIGHT



COME ON IN, FELLAS!
WE'LL BE READY TO GO
IN A FEW MINUTES!





GRACE WHY DID YOU ZAP ME INTO YOUR "CLAIRE" FORM?

WELL, YOU ZAPPED ME WITH YOUR FORM, AND I ZAPPED YOU WITH MY FORM BECAUSE WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE COOL TO SPEND TIME AS EACH-OTHER BUT NOW WE'RE GOING OUT SO NEITHER OF US CAN LOOK LIKE ME. SO I MADE YOU "CLAIRE"

YEAH I WANTED US TO SWITCH FOR A LITTLE WHILE AROUND THE HOUSE, BUT I DON'T WANT TO GO OUT LIKE THIS! I MEAN IT'S KINKY AND NEAT FOR A LITTLE WHILE, BUT I'M NOT REALLY ATTRACTED TO MY OWN MALE SELF

"SCRATCH"
"SCRATCH"

REALLY? THAT'S BIZZARE BUT THAT'S NOT THE POINT OF US GOING OUT WHILE SWITCHED

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HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

<INSERT GIRL TALK HERE

YEEEE!!!

I HAVE BOWS IN MY HAIR AND NOBODY OBJECTS!

LADIES

MY GOD-- A NEAR-PERFECT EVENING! AND I DIDN'T EVEN SEE IT! YOU KNOW ME BETTER THAN I KNOW MYSELF!

THINK ABOUT IT TEDD IF WE GO OUT LIKE THIS NOBODY ELSE WILL KNOW THAT YOU'RE REALLY TEDD YOU'LL BE OUT IN PUBLIC AND AMONG FRIENDS, WHILE YOU'RE A GIRL AND WE'LL BE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW ABOUT IT

INDEED I DO OH, THAT REMINDS ME, I PUT THE PERFECT OUTFIT FOR YOU TONIGHT IN THE LAB'S SUPPLY CLOSET

WELL, GOD KNOWS I'LL BE
CHILLY IN THIS WEATHER. BUT
I APPROVE! PLUS, I HAVE A LONG
COAT I NEVER WEAR



ELLEN GOT THAT OUTFIT FOR ME FROM THE
PROMISCUOUS MAIDEN SHOP AT THE MALL
FOR DIRT CHEAP!

REALLY? THAT
WAS NICE OF HER



NOW IF WE WANT PEOPLE TO BELIEVE
THAT YOU'RE ME, AND I'M YOU WE'LL
NEED TO ACT ACCORDINGLY

PIECE OF CAKE!



HEY, WHAT'S TAKING YOU
GUYS SO LONG DOWN
THERE?! HURRY UP ALREADY!



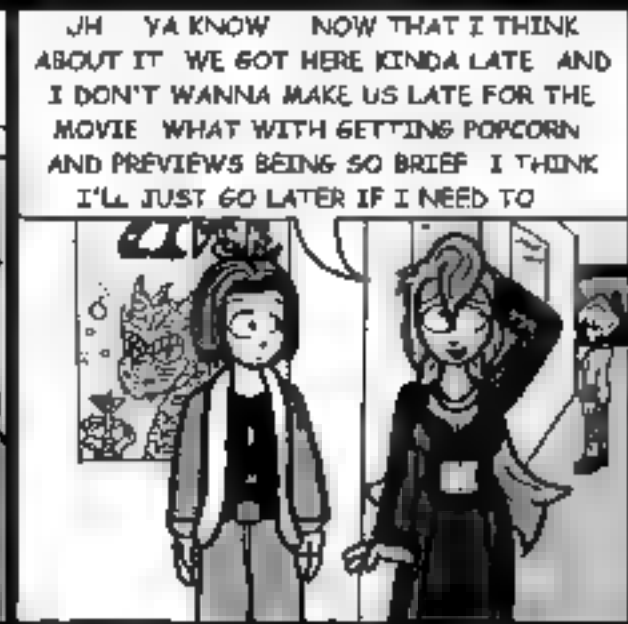
GIVE US A FREAKING MINUTE,
YOU DAMN DIRTY HARPIES!!!





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WITH GRACE IN THE MEN'S ROOM AND
ELLIOT AND SARAH GETTING POPCORN
TEDD WAITS ALONE BY A CLASSY
"DRAGONLIVER" POSTER



THAT WAS
A CLOSE
CALL

THE THOUGHT OF MY GIRL-
FRIEND USING THE BATH-
ROOM WHILE IN MY BODY
EVEN IF IT'S NOT
LITERALLY MY BODY, IS A
DISTURBING ONE

I'M GLAD I THOUGHT
OF USING THE ALIEN
LANGUAGE URYUOMOCO
AS OPPOSED TO BREAKING
OUR COVER OVER SUCH
A THING

WAIT I NEVER TAUGHT
HER THAT LANGUAGE AND
THERE AREN'T ANY BOOKS
ON URYUOMOCO SO HOW
THE HELL DID SHE ?



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MEANWHILE IN THE MEN'S ROOM.



YOU HERE WITH
YOUR BOYFRIEND
WOMAN?

YOU
KNOW
IT!



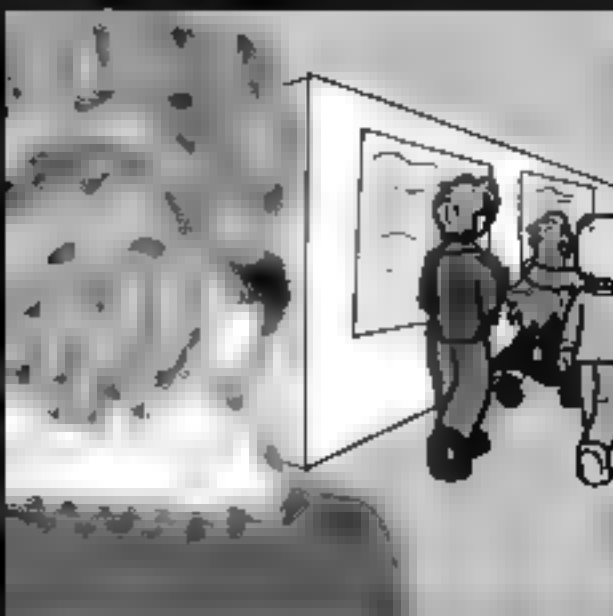
DON'T TRY TO DENY WAIT WHAT?!

OH, WAIT
I'M THE BOYFRIEND
TONIGHT MY
BAD









JUST WHO IS CAT AND HOW DOES THAT GREEN-HAIRED GIRL KNOW URYUOMOCO?



FOUR
SODA ADS TWO
ADS FOR THE MILITARY,
HALF A DOZEN FOR HEART
SURGEONS AND THREE
PREVIEWS FOR MOVIES THAT
RESORT TO THE LOWEST
COMMON DENOMINATORS FOR
ENTERTAINMENT IS THE
ACTUAL MOVIE EVER
GOING TO
START???

I DON'T KNOW,
SARAH I JUST
DON'T KNOW

GRACE IS SO AMAZING
I BETTER SWITCH BACK TO
MY NORMAL FORM RIGHT
AWAY WHEN WE GET HOME
OR I COULD VERY EASILY
DO SOMETHING I MAY
REGRET LATER

TEDD MUST
WANT POP-
CORN OR
SOMETHING



SOMEDAY, I'LL FIND
THAT CURSED DRAGON
THAT GAVE THE PRINCE
HALF HIS LIVER, AND
KICK HIM IN THE SHINS!
NOW IF ONLY I COULD
FIND THAT
DRAGON

WHERE DID THEY
GET A DRAGON FOR
THIS MOVIE???

SOMEHOW, I
EXPECTED MORE

THIS CUDDLE IS
NICE, AT LEAST

BELCH



ENTER THE LADIES ROOM

FINALLY! I FINALLY GET TO
FIND OUT WHAT GOES ON WHEN
WOMEN GO TO THE RESTROOM
IN GROUPS!

HEY WHERE'S THE SOFA?
I ALWAYS FIGURED THEY HAD FINE
FURNITURE IN LADIES
ROOMS

FOR A GO
TIME CAN
THE PLAY
555-

RRRGH I WANNA THROW TEDD A BONE
HERE BUT I DON'T NORMALLY GO TO THE
BATHROOM IN A HERD WHAT DOES
HE THINK GROUPS OF WOMEN
DO IN HERE???

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SARAH THEORIZES

"GIGGLE" OK LADIES!
TIME TO PRACTICE
KISSING! PARTNER
UP NOW!

DIBS ON CLAIRE!

YEEEE!!!

OH NO FAIR!
MEANIE MEANIE
MEANIE!!

WE ARE NOT DOING THAT

NOT DOING WHAT?

HEY ELLIOT? DO
YOU KNOW WHERE
THEY GOT THE DRAGON
FOR THAT MOVIE?

HEHEHE

WHAT'S
SO FUNNY?

I'M SORRY THAT
WAS JUST A VERY
CUTE THING TO
SAY

THANKS! BUT
WHAT WAS CUTE
ABOUT IT?

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THE LADIES ROOM.

YUP

YEE YUP

CRICKETS CHIRPING

OK THAT WAS
GREAT LET'S GO
NOW

THE DUCK
QUACK
MIDN

THE DUCK
QUACK
MIDN

THE DUCK
QUACK
MIDN

WE'RE LEAVING? BUT
WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING
WHAT WAS THE POINT OF
BEING IN HERE?

OK CLAIRE I'M
GOING TO BE PARTIALLY
HONEST WITH YOU

PARTIALLY?

I DON'T NORMALLY GO TO THE
RESTROOM IN GROUPS TO FRESHEN
UP I'M NOT EVEN ENTIRELY SURE
WHAT MOST PEOPLE CONSIDER
FRESHENING UP TO BE I SPEND
MOST OF MY TIME
HANGING OUT WITH
EITHER ELLIOT OR
SUSAN. AND I CAN'T
BE IN A RESTROOM
WITH ELLIOT AND
SUSAN SEES GOING
AS GROUP AS A SIGN
OF WEAKNESS FOR
SOME REASON.

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YOU JUST SEEMED TO
BE CURIOUS ABOUT
THAT SORT OF SOCIAL
BEHAVIOR AND I
WANTED TO HELP YOU
TO EXPERIENCE IT I'M
AFRAID I'M NOT UP TO
THE TASK THOUGH
I'M SORRY IF I GOT
YOUR HOPES UP

IT'S OK YOU WERE JUST
TRYING TO BE NICE AND THAT'S
NOT SOMETHING YOU NEED TO
BE SORRY ABOUT

SHE IS TEDD.
ISN'T SHE ?

BESIDES THIS PLACE SMELLS
LIKE A ZOMBIE FARTED LET'S GET
THE HELL OUT OF HERE

YEAH
SHE'S TEDD ALL
RIGHT

OUTSIDE THE THEATER

DUDE
WHERE'S
MY CAR?

I SEE IT!

WHERE DID YOU
COME FROM CAT?

I KNOW
IT'S YOU

YOUR FACE DOESN'T CHANGE
MUCH AT ALL. YOU'RE LIKE GRACE
IN THAT WAY

WHAT IS IT ABOUT
YOU TWO THAT MAKE
YOU SO DIFFERENT?

IN ANY CASE, I'M
RUNNING RATHER LOW
ON TIME

SHOULD I SUCCESSFULLY FAIL
TO LOCATE GRACE, YOU WILL HAVE
TO DO IN HER STEAD..

HEY, GET DOWN
FROM THERE! THE
THEATER ROOF IS
RESERVED FOR

MOPERVILLE 16

SOON AFTER TEDD AND GRACE GET HOME



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WELL. TEDD
THAT WAS FUN!
DID YOU ENJOY
BEING ABLE TO
WANDER ABOUT
AS CLAIRE IN
PUBLIC?



YEAH I HAD A GOOD
TIME, AND I REALLY
APPRECIATE YOU MAKING
IT POSSIBLE. BUT

BUT?

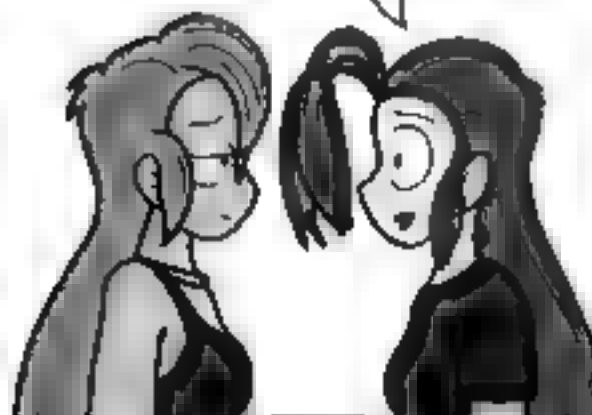


AW HELL.. THIS IS GONNA
BE THE CORNIEST THING I'VE EVER
SAID IN ALL MY LIFE

IT WAS NICE TO BE OUT AS CLAIRE
BUT THAT WASN'T WHAT MADE IT A GOOD
EVENING. BEING OUT WITH YOU IS WHAT
MADE IT GREAT



AW THAT WAS
SWEET BUT WHAT
DID THAT HAVE TO DO
WITH CORN?



I WILL EXPLAIN OVER COOKIES
AND MILK MY DEAR, AFTER WE ZAP
ME BACK TO NORMAL SO MY DAD
DOESN'T FREAK OUT







WHY IS MY
FAIRY AVATAR DRESSED
LIKE THIS?!



FAIRY
TAIL
ATTN~
~ACK!!!





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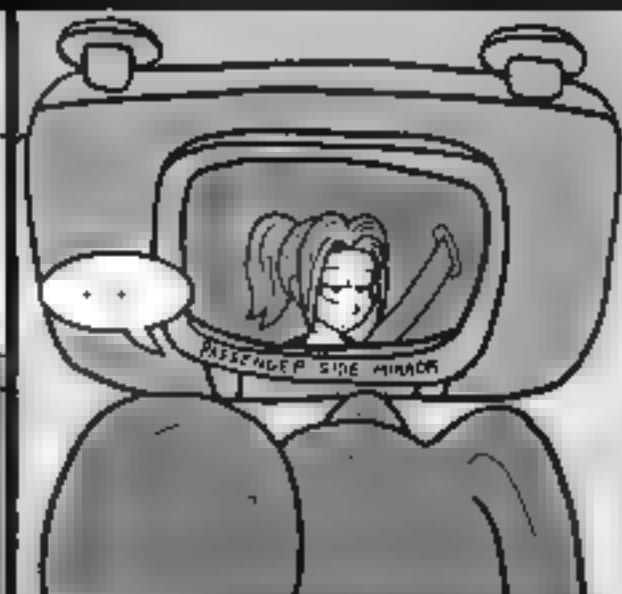


HEY
JUSTIN.
I M "BACK"

BACK FROM
FAIRY LAND
ALREADY
HUH?



SHE NEEDS TO CHANGE. BUT SHE SHOULD
BE READY TO GO BY THE TIME WE-



PASSENGER SIDE MIRROR

"I-Refuse to Change the Camera Angles in the Last Two Panels" Copyright 2002-03 Dan Shive



YOU JUST CAN'T
RESIST MESSING
AROUND WITH MY
HAIR. CAN YOU?

NANASE PLEASE! I
NEED TO KEEP MY
EYES ON THE ROAD
WITHOUT BEING
DISTRACTED BY
WILD ACCUSATIONS!

YOU'RE LUCKY THIS PONY
TAIL MAKES ME LOOK HOT



MEANWHILE...

I WANNA WEAR
SOMETHING GOOD
FOR TONIGHT. HOW'S
THIS?

WELL,
ELLEN. UH.

OHI WOULD
THIS BE
BETTER?

SURE

DAMMIT ELLIOT
YOU RE NOT EVEN
LOOKING!



I WOULD LOOK IF
YOU WERE ACTUALLY
WEARING SOMETHING!

WHY DO YOU
CARE? YOU'VE
SHOWERED
WHILE LOOKING
JUST LIKE ME
BEFORE!

IT'S THE PRINCIPLE
OF THE MATTER!



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ONCE OUTSIDE...



HELLO MR TENSATED.
I'M HERE FOR MY CHECK

IS THIS
ABOUT THE
PIZZA I
ORDERED?

NO, I'M
HERE FOR MY
PAYCHECK

'Riddles of the Paycheck' Copyright 2002-03 Dan Shive

BAH! WHY WOULD
I GIVE YOU A PAYCHECK?!

BECAUSE
I WORK
HERE

OH *REALLY?* THEN
EXPLAIN WHY YOU AREN'T WEARING
A STORE UNIFORM!!

I DON'T WORK TODAY,
I M JUST HERE FOR MY
CHECK

WELL DONE! YOU HAVE SOLVED THREE
RIDDLES. HERE IS YOUR CHECK AND
YOU'VE GAINED 50 EXPERIENCE. GET
200 MORE AND YOU LL
BE A LEVEL 3 CLERK

YAY



AND SO SUSAN JOINED THE PARTY! THE TASK OF SELECTING A MOVIE HOWEVER HAD YET TO REACH A CONCLUSION! THUS, JUSTIN AND SUSAN MADE THEIR WAY TOWARDS THE ACTION MOVIES. AS ELLEN FOLLOWED NANASE TO THE NEW RELEASES..



HOW ABOUT THIS ONE? IT'S GOT JASON D POIT!



NEW RELEASES

MMM, JASON D POIT



ARE YOU UPSET ABOUT SOMETHING?



NO. IT'S JUST I WELL, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT

WHAT'S NOT MY FAULT?



MEOW!!!







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WHAT WAS I SO UPSET ABOUT?



I MEAN, IT'S NOT MY FAULT THAT ELLEN IS THE EMBODIMENT OF FEMALE VARIANT #5. AND IT ISN'T HER FAULT EITHER!



I DON'T NEED TO BE ALL UPSET JUST BECAUSE I FEEL SOME ATTRACTION! IT'S TOTALLY ARTIFICIAL AND HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MY ACTUAL PREFERENCES AND I DON'T HAVE TO ACT ON IT! IT'S OK FOR ME TO FEEL THIS WAY!



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I'M NOT TO BLAME AND NEITHER IS SHE NOW TEDD. ON THE OTHER HAND...



TEDD'S HOUSE (WELL BEFORE ELLIOT AND SARAH GOT THERE)

MEOW-CHOOM!



SNIFF WHY DO I HAVE THE FEELING THAT SNEEZE FORETELLS DOOM?

WHY WOULD A SNEEZE DO THAT?



I'VE GOT A
COUPLE OF
MOVIES
THAT I THINK
WOULD BE
GOOD



COOL, SO DO I
WHAT MOVIES DO
YA GOT THERE?



MY FIRST SELECTION
IS A "FAR EAST MEETS
WILD WEST" ACTION
COMEDY



I RECKON
THAT COULD
BE GOOD.



I COULD ALSO GO
FOR SOME MATRIX
ACTION



THAT COULD BE
GOOD THOUGH
MY BROTHER DOES
OWN THAT MOVIE.



OH HM WHAT MOVIES
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

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MY FIRST MOVIE OF
CHOICE IS A COLLEGE
PARTY COMEDY!



I CAN ALREADY
HEAR SUSAN
SAYING "NO"



WELL I'VE ALSO GOT
MY EYES ON THIS
ONE JUNGLE MOVIE



A "JUNGLE
MOVIE"?



YEAH, CHECK
OUT THE BACK
OF THE BOX.
IT SOUNDS
GREAT!



"RATED 'R' FOR LANGUAGE
VIOLENCE. AND FREQUENT
AND GRATUITOUS
LOINCLOTH REMOVAL"



WELL, WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SUGGEST AS FAR AS RENTING IS CONCERNED

IT TURNS OUT THAT I OWN EVERYTHING EITHER OF US WOULD BE INTERESTED IN

SO I MAY YET FACE THE WRATH OF KHAN?

ELLEN AND I CAN'T DECIDE ON ONE

WHY DON'T YOU JUST RENT ALL OF THEM?

BECAUSE EIGHT OR MORE HOURS OF MOVIES IS A BIT MUCH?

SPEAKING OF WHICH, HOW LATE CAN WE BE OVER?

HELL, YOU GUYS CAN SPEND THE NIGHT AT MY HOUSE IF YOU WANT THERE ARE ENOUGH GUEST ROOMS FOR ALL OF YOU

HEY ALRIGHT! AN ALL GIRL SLUMBER PARTY! WELL, ASSUMING JUSTIN LETS ME ZAP HIM OF COURSE

POINT THAT HAND ELSEWHERE MISSY!

HMMM.

AREN'T YOU
TIRED OF DRESSING
ME UP IN VARIOUS
GIRLY OUTFITS
YET?

I'M
SORRY
JUSTIN
BUT NO

HEY NANASEI BRING IN
THE LINGERIE WILL YA?

HEHEHEH

YOU'RE FANTASIZING ABOUT TURNING ME
INTO A WOMAN AREN'T YOU?

NO I WASN'T!
I WAS... UM

I WAS PICTURING
GRACE AS A PLATYPUS!!

"Following Susan's Car" Copyright 2002-03 Dan Shive

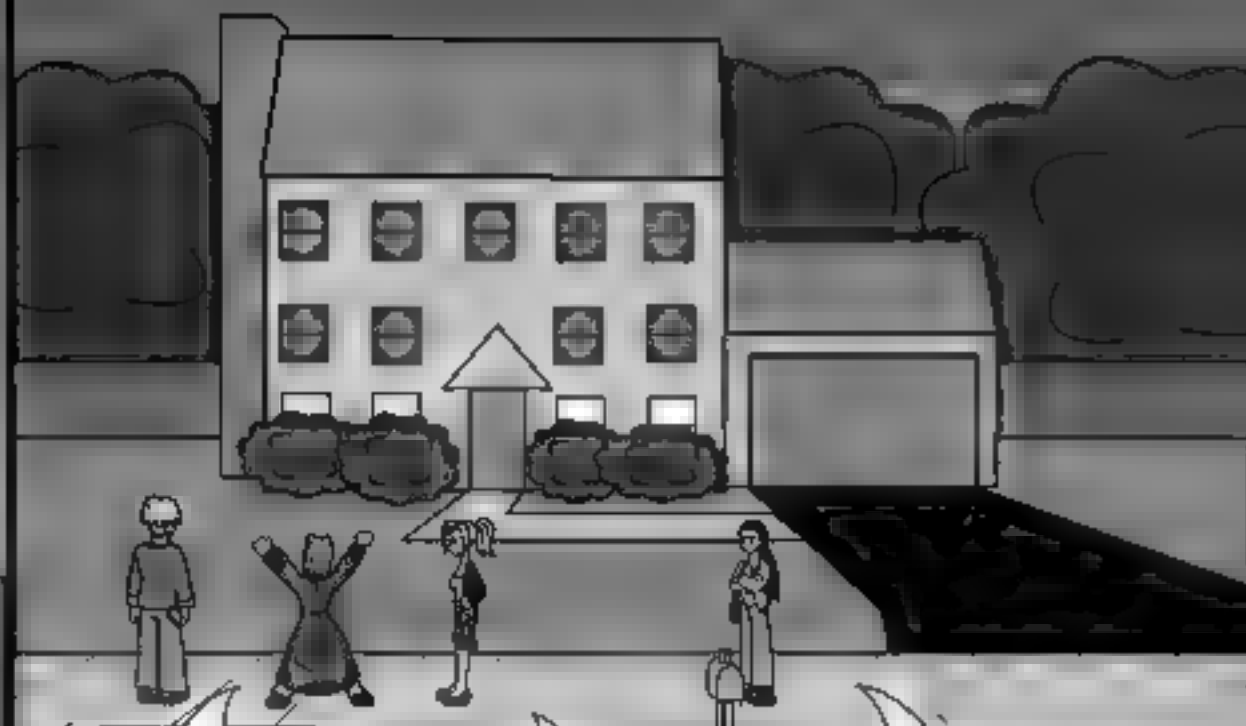
SUSAN IS LEADING US INTO
THE SNOOT CREEK SUBDIVISION?
ALL OF THE HOUSES IN THIS AREA
ARE HUGE!



I GUESS I SHOULDN'T BE
SURPRISED GIVEN THE SIZE
OF THAT TV SHE MENTIONED
AND THREE GUEST ROOMS

WAIT... OH DEAR GOD
I'M THINKING LIKE A TEDDII

I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW
THEY MADE THREE-STOREY
HOUSES IN MOPERVILLE



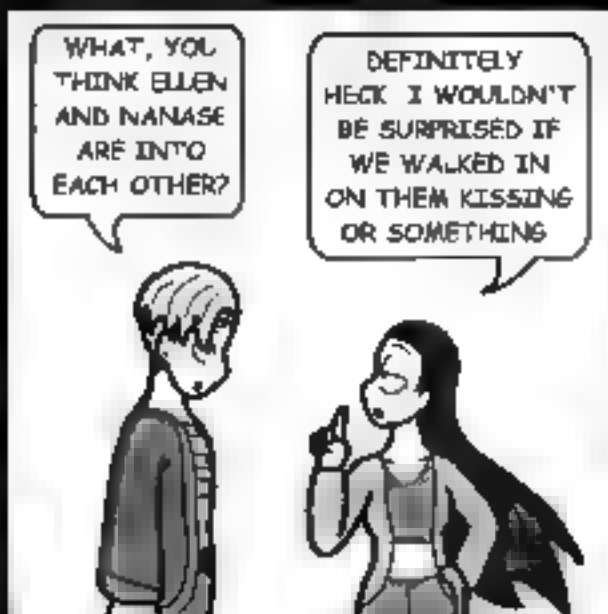
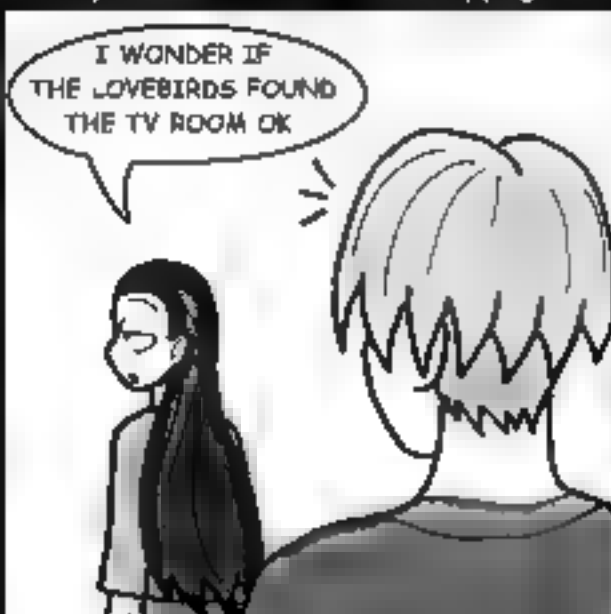
MAN. IF THERE'S
A POOL BEHIND THAT
HOUSE I SAY WE
SKINNY DIP

I DON'T
THINK SO

WE'VE BEEN OUT HERE FOR FIVE
MINUTES NOW THE HOUSE
IS A LOT MORE INTERESTING
FROM THE INSIDE YA KNOW



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YOU'VE BROUGHT
BOYS OVER SUSAN?



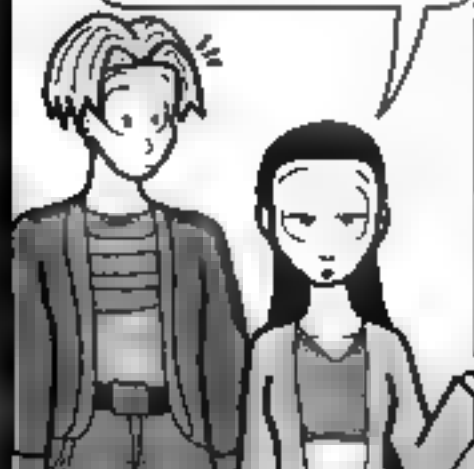
NO MOTHER JUST THIS
ONE. THE OTHER TWO ARE
GIRLS. THEY'RE CHECKING
OUT OUR TV

HI



I'M NOT COMFORTABLE
WITH HIM SPENDING THE
NIGHT HERE SUSAN

DON'T WORRY MOTHER.
HE'S GAY HE'S GAY SO
HE WON'T TRY ANYTHING
WITH ME



UGH. MEN WHO LIKE
MEN. PURE INSANITY



FINE HE CAN STAY MAYBE
HIS HOMOSEXUALITY WILL
RUB OFF ON YOU AND YOU'LL
FIND YOURSELF A DECENT
WOMAN.



I'LL LEAVE THE LOT
OF YOU ALONE NOW
I'LL BE UPSTAIRS

HEHE SHE
BOUGHT IT



SO HOW'D
YOU KNOW THAT
I'M GAY?



"Proof That One Can
Lie, And Yet Still be
Telling the Truth."

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SUSAN?
IS SOMETHING
WRONG?



FIGURES



YOU'D BEST CALL YOUR
PARENTS AND TELL THEM
WHERE YOU ARE ESPECIALLY
IF YOU'RE GONNA SPEND
THE NIGHT HERE



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OH RIGHT PARENTS TEND TO FROWN
UPON NOT KNOWING WHERE THEIR KIDS
ARE SLEEPING AT NIGHT



WE SHOULD REMIND
ELLEN AND NANASE
TO CALL THEIR
PARENTS AS WELL



YEAH OK BUT YOU
HAVEN'T ANSWERED MY
QUESTION: HOW'D YOU
KNOW THAT I'M GAY?



I DIDN'T



OH.



MAN, THIS SOFA IS SO COMFORTABLE! AND IT'S HUGE I WONDER HOW MANY PEOPLE COULD SIT ON THIS THING ALL AT ONCE?

JUST BE SURE NOT TO FALL ASLEEP ON IT OK?



NANASE AS I'VE SAID I WASN'T ACTUALLY SLEEPING ON THE TV I WAS JUST JOKING AROUND!



I'D BE QUICKER TO LAUGH IF I WASN'T WORRIED ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF CAT-NAPS THAT YOU TAKE



"May Susan be Thwacked For Her Timing" Copyright 2002-03 Dan Shive



CAT-NAPS EH?

BOTH TIMES I VISITED YOU USING THE FAIRY DOLL SPELL YOU WERE ASLEEP YOU SLEEP INSTEAD OF GOING TO MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES. AND YOU SLEEP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE AFTERNOON I AM NOT SUPPOSED TO BE CONCERNED?

WHAT'S THERE TO BE WORRIED ABOUT?



YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY! LOOK THE REASON I SLEEP SO MUCH IS--

HEY NANASE? YOU SHOULD GO CALL YOUR PARENTS. AND TELL THEM ABOUT HOW YOU MIGHT SPEND THE NIGHT HERE



WHILE YOU DO THAT I'D APPRECIATE IT IF ELLEN WOULD JOIN ME IN MY ROOM





"Hmm... But Doesn't She... Hehehehe" Copyright 2002-03 Dan Shive





"VENUS SUSAN"

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HELLO DAD. I MIGHT
BE SLEEPING OVER AT A
FRIEND'S HOUSE TONIGHT



UH, YOU'VE NEVER
MET HER BUT HER
NAME IS SUSAN.
AND THERE'S A GIRL
NAMED ELLEN HERE
AS WELL, ALONG
WITH NANASE



YES I AM SPENDING THE
NIGHT WITH THREE GIRLS
NO I DON'T PLAN ON
SLEEPING WITH ANY OF
THEM



YOU KNOW MOST PARENTS
WOULD BE HAPPY ABOUT THEIR
SONS ANSWERING "NO" TO
THAT LAST QUESTION



"Justin Phone Home & Stupor Snapping" Copyright 2002-03 Dan Shive

WOMEN ARE ONLY GOOD FOR
SERVING MEN, BE IT THROUGH
COOKING, CLEANING, OR
PHYSICAL PLEASURE!!!



HOW CAN YOU
SAY THAT?!?!?



I HAD TO SNAP
YOU OUT OF THAT
STUPOR SOMEHOW



I WASN'T
THAT OUT OF
IT



YOUR HAIR LOOKS REALLY COOL LIKE THIS AND IT'S SO LONG! I COULD USE YOUR HAIR AS A BLANKET!

SO WHY DID YOU WANT ME TO TRANSFORM YOU?

I WANTED TO SEE HOW I WOULD LOOK AND I LIKE BEING ATTRACTED TO WOMEN.

THAT, AND MY MOTHER WISHES THAT I COULD BE SPARED THE PAIN OF HAVING TO DEAL WITH MEN TO THE POINT WHERE SHE WISHES THAT I WAS A LESBIAN. AND I FEEL I OWE IT TO HER TO TRY IT OUT AFTER LYING TO HER ON A MAN'S BEHALF

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YOU LIED TO YOUR MOM FOR A GUY?

YEAH I TOLD HER THAT JUSTIN WAS GAY

JHHH

TRUST ME IT WAS A LIE AT THE TIME

YOU KNOW, I DON'T
THINK I CAN BE A
PART OF YOUR PLOT
TO BE A LESBIAN

WHY NOT? YOU
HAVE A PROBLEM
WITH MY NOT
LIKING MEN?

WELL, THERE IS THAT I
MEAN HOW MANY GUYS DO YOU
REALLY KNOW ALL THAT WELL?

IF YOU INCLUDE
JUSTIN THREE

AND HOW MANY
OF THOSE GUYS
WERE AS YOUR
PREJUDICES
WOULD EXPECT?

NONE OF THEM.
EVEN TEDD HAS
[REDACTED] WITH
QUALITIES

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NOT ALL GUYS ARE JERKS AND I'D LIKE
TO THINK THAT MOST PEOPLE OF EITHER
SEX AREN'T I AM NOT OPPOSED TO YOU
EXPERIMENTING BUT I DON'T WANT TO
SUPPORT YOUR PREJUDICE

HOWEVER THE TRUE REASON I CAN'T HELP
YOU BE A LESBIAN IS THAT THE VENUS
FORM MAKES A PERSON BISEXUAL, AND IT
ALSO ENHANCES THE ORIGINAL PREFERENCE

MEANING ?

MEANING YOU SHOULD
FIND MEN TO BE MORE
ATTRACTIVE THAN EVER
WHILE IN THIS FORM

ACK!

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE
READY TO GET ZAPPED
BACK TO NORMAL?

OH JUST DO IT
BEFORE I DECIDE
TO IGNORE YOUR
ADVICE

ZAP!

"PHEW" THANK
YOU I'D APPRECIATE
IT IF WE COULD KEEP
THIS LITTLE INCIDENT
A SECRET OK?

UM. I AM NOT
SURE IF THAT'S
GONNA BE
POSSIBLE

WHY NOT? IT'S
NOT ANY OF
THEIR BUSINESS
WHAT WE WERE
DOING UP HERE

IF THEY ASK WE CAN JUST
SAY THAT I NEEDED TO ASK
YOU ABOUT SOMETHING

AW CRAP



HELLO I'D LIKE TO HAVE PIZZA
DELIVERED? 555-5239 YES THAT
IS THE CORRECT ADDRESS

((LOOK! SNAZZY
HANDS FREE PHONE
GEAR!))

OK FIRST OF ALL, I'LL
NEED A SMALL PIZZA WITH
EXTRA CHEESE AND SAUSAGE

OK AND I'D ALSO NEED SOME
CHICKEN FINGERS AND GARLIC

I'LL ALSO REQUIRE A LARGE PIZZA
WITH QUADRUPLE CHEESE AND AS
MANY ANCHOVIES AS YOU CAN MANAGE
YEAH, THAT'S EVERYTHING

WAIT! SHE MEANT TO
ORDER A SMALL CHEESE
PIZZA. NOT A LARGE WITH
DEAD FISH!! HELLO? HELLO?!

AT THE TONE,
THE T ME WILL
BE WHATEVER
YOUR WATCH
SAYS.

GOT YA.

CAN YOU
ORDER FOOD
FOR REAL
NOW?

YOU'RE MAD?
C'MON THAT
WAS FUNNY!



I'M NOT ANGRY I'M JUST TIRED AND
I'M HUNGRY AND--AND YOU'RE BLONDE.
AND YOU WON'T EXPLAIN HOW OR WHY!



AND I STILL DON'T KNOW
WHY YOU SLEEP SO MUCH!!



WELL THE REASON
I SLEEP SO MUCH IS-

AND YOU--!!!



CARRY ON



YOU REALLY
NEED TO BE FED

WELL. FOOD IS ORDERED
I HAVE NO IDEA WHEN IT'LL
GET HERE THOUGH SEEING
AS IT'S A FRIDAY NIGHT

WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING
AT? IS SOMETHING
WRONG WITH THE SOFA?

IT IS FAIRLY RIDICULOUS IT'D
PROBABLY BE BETTER IF THE BACK OF
IT WASN'T SO TALL.

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NOT REALLY I'VE JUST NEVER
SEEN A SOFA THAT BIG BEFORE

CLICK

KER-CHUNK!

THAT
BETTER?

WHAT TROUBLES
ME MOST IS THAT
THE REMOTE ONLY
HAS ONE BUTTON

WHIRRR

I'M NOT IN SCHOOL YET SO I HAVEN'T HAD ANY REAL INCENTIVE TO GO TO BED AT A REASONABLE HOUR

COMING UP NEXT
A 3-HOUR REPORT
ON INSOMNIA.

SCORE

BUT I STILL WIND UP GETTING UP AT THE SAME TIME AS ELLIOT JUST SO THAT WE CAN RACE FOR EXERCISE BEFORE HE LEAVES

I'M GONNA GET BACK HOME BEFORE YOU!

HA! IT WOULD TAKE SOMETHING PRETTY BIG FOR THAT TO HAPPEN!

I'VE ALSO BEEN TRYING TO TRAIN GRACE IN SELF-DEFENSE. WHICH IS TIRING

I DON'T THINK I'M READY TO HIT SOMETHING THAT HAS A FACE YET

AND AFTER THAT WE PL. ER. HANG OUT WHICH IS FUN, BUT ALSO TIRING

LATER ON, IF ANYBODY ASKS, WE SPENT THE DAY PLAYING VIDEO GAMES OK?

"SIP"

SO BASICALLY I STAY UP LATE, GET UP EARLY, KEEP ACTIVE, AND NAP TO MAKE UP FOR IT ALL

WELL, THOSE AREN'T THE BEST SLEEPING HABITS BUT AT LEAST YOU'RE NOT DEPRESSED OR SOMETHING

HEY, ARE YOU GUYS READY TO WATCH.

OH, COME ON!!!

I'M GLAD THE FOOD GOT HERE A LOT FASTER THAN WE ANTICIPATED

AND IT GOT EATEN JUST AS QUICKLY



HEY! I SKIPPED LUNCH TO WORK ON HOMEWORK TODAY SO I WAS HUNGRY!



HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!



RELAX. I M JUST WIPING SOME PIZZA SAUCE OFF YOUR LIP



SORRY I GUESS I INHERITED SOME HABITS FROM ELLIOT



NANASE USED TO LIKE IT WHEN ELLIOT DID STUFF LIKE THAT



HEE YAH! WE GOT YOU NOW CHINA-MAN!
"FWISH FWISH WHOOSH"
I DO NOT THINK SO!
SNATCH
SWOOSH NEIGH!
SWOOSH
THWACK!!!



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WOULD
YOU BE
ABLE TO
DO THAT?

I DOUBT IT I AM NOT
TRAINED IN THE ART
OF USING HORSES AS
PROJECTILE WEAPONRY



AW MAN! WHY'D
YOU HAVE TO GO AND
USE MY HORSE?



BECAUSE MY HORSE IS DRUNK
AND YOU HAVE A WEIRD NOSE



I'VE NEVER FELT
THIS WAY BEFORE





I CAN'T TALK TO ELLEN. I DON'T WANT HER TO KNOW AND THERE'S NO TELLING HOW SHE WOULD REACT



JUSTIN IS A GOOD FRIEND, BUT HE'S BOUND TO TAKE THE WHOLE THING THE WRONG WAY

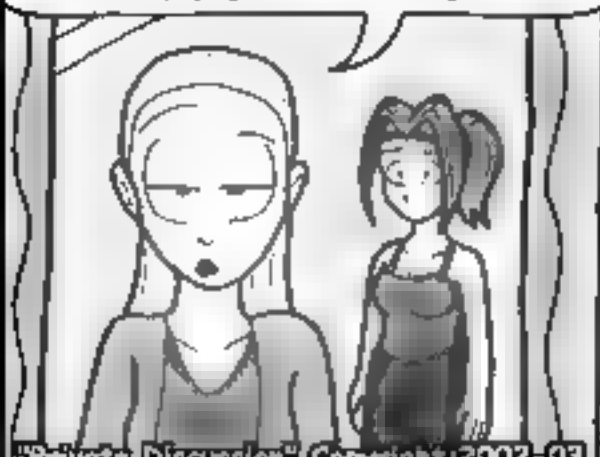


BUT IF I CAN'T TALK TO EITHER OF THEM, THAT ONLY LEAVES



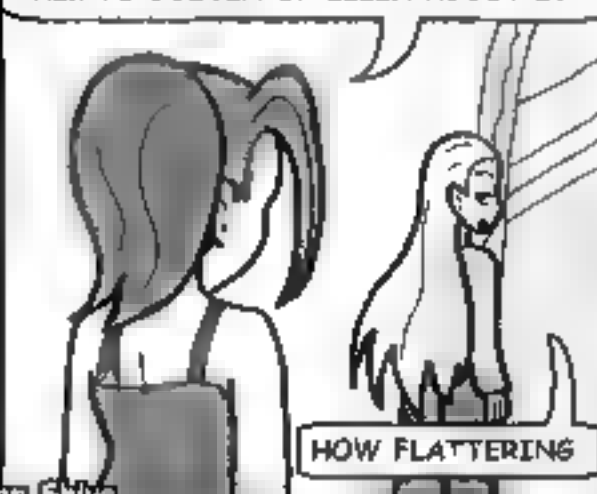


OK NOW THAT WE'RE IN THE SAFETY
OF MY ROOM COULD YOU PLEASE
ENLIGHTEN ME AS TO WHY WE NEED
TO SPEAK IN PRIVATE?



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I JUST NEEDED TO TALK TO SOMEONE
ABOUT SOMETHING AND I CAN'T
TALK TO JUSTIN OR ELLEN ABOUT IT



HOW FLATTERING

SORRY IT'S JUST THAT
I'M A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE
AROUND ELLEN



REALLY? I WAS
GETTING THE
IMPRESSION THAT
YOU WERE QUITE
FOND OF HER

WELL, I AM FOND OF HER, AND
THAT'S THE PROBLEM HER SPECIAL
PHEROMONES ARE WHAT'S
BOTHERING ME



WHAT?

OH YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING
ABOUT SHE'S THE EMBODIMENT OF
FEMALE VARIANT #8 AS APPLIED TO
ELLIOT SO SHE GIVES OFF FREAKY
PHEROMONES THAT CAN ATTRACT
ALMOST ANYONE



NANASE SIT DOWN.

HUH?

JUST SIT DOWN



RECENTLY, ELLIOT AND SARAH
WANTED TO START SITTING
TOGETHER AT LUNCH AS A RESULT
TEDD AND I HAVE BEEN SITTING
AT THE SAME TABLE WITH THEM.



WHAT DOES THAT
HAVE TO DO WITH
ANYTHING?



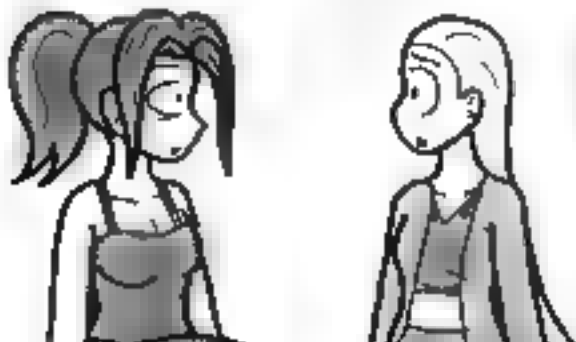
EARLIER THIS
WEEK, TEDD WAS
COMPLAINING
ABOUT FEMALE
VARIANT #5

HE WAS SAYING
THAT THE SPECIAL
PHEROMONES
WEREN'T A
PERMANENT PART
OF THE TRANS-
FORMATION, THAT
THEY APPARENTLY
GO AWAY WELL
BEFORE THE
TRANSFORMATION'S
MONTH IS UP

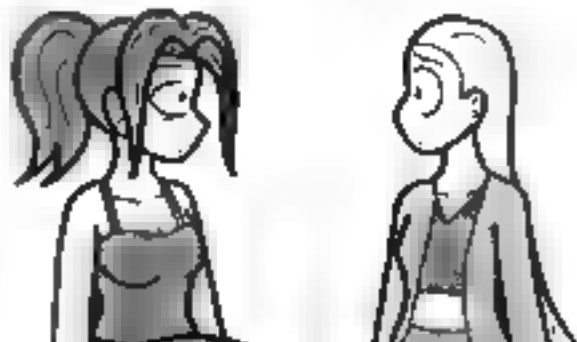


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NANASE ELLEN DOESN'T HAVE
SPECIAL PHEROMONES THAT ATTRACT
ANYONE TEDD SUSPECTS THAT
SHE NEVER DID.



WH-WHAT DOES
THAT HAVE TO DO
WITH ANYTHING ?



YOU'RE NOT KIDDING
ABOUT THIS, ARE YOU?



I WOULDN'T
KID YOU ABOUT
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS. I
REMEMBER
WHAT YOU
TOLD ME
ABOUT YOUR
MOTHER



BUT, YOU KNOW, ANY FEELINGS YOU
MAY HAVE FOR ELLEN COULD JUST BE
CONFUSION OVER HER PHEROMONES,
COULDN'T THEY? I MEAN, YOU
DIDN'T KNOW SHE WASN'T--



"The Light of Truth Shines Too Brightly, and Shadows Provide False Shelter" Copyright 2002-03 Don Shive

VSSHH



NANASE--?!





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NANASE?!
SO THIS IS YOU
AS A FAIRY
WHY ARE YOU
HERE?

I NEEDED TO GET AWAY
BE ALONE FOR A WHILE
BUT YOU SHOWED UP AND
RUINED IT

I'D APOLOGIZE FOR THAT IF THIS
WASN'T MY ROOM IN MY HOUSE BUT
LET'S JUST IGNORE THAT MINOR
DETAIL FOR NOW WHY DID YOU
NEED TO GET AWAY?

I GUESS I'M
JUST USED TO
HIDING FROM
MYSELF

I NEVER WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT
IT NOT UNTIL I WAS ABLE TO
PLACE THE BLAME ON SOMEONE ELSE
BUT IT TURNS OUT I CAN'T AS IT
IS I WASN'T EVEN ATTRACTED TO
YOU WHEN WE WERE DATING NOT
PHYSICALLY AT LEAST

NOT EVEN A LITTLE
PHYSICAL ATTRACTION?

EL~LIOT!!!

WHEN WE WERE GOING OUT I THOUGHT YOU'D MAKE A GOOD BOYFRIEND BECAUSE OF YOUR PERSONALITY BUT I WAS NEVER ATTRACTED TO YOU I KEPT TRYING TO BE BUT NOTHING WE EVER DID WORKED FOR ME! AND THEN CAME ELLEN AND I FELT SOMETHING I'D NEVER BEEN WILLING TO ACCEPT BEFORE! I COULD ONLY BRING MYSELF TO ACCEPT IT BECAUSE OF FEMALE VARIANT #5 BUT IT STILL MADE ME UNCOMFORTABLE ALL THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT ELLEN KEPT DOING STUFF THAT WOULD MAKE ME LIKE HER MORE AND MORE AND IT WAS DRIVING ME NUTS. BUT IT WAS OK, BECAUSE IT WASN'T MY FAULT! BUT THEN SUSAN WHO SUDDENLY BECAME BLONDE AND HAS REFUSED TO TELL ME HOW OR WHY TOLD ME ABOUT HOW TEDD HAD TOLD HER THAT ELLEN HAS NORMAL PHEROMONES! AND NOW THERE'S NO MORE DENYING IT! I-I M SAY A-AND THAT TH-THAT MEANS I'M SCREWED! MY MOTHER IS SICKENED BY HOMOSEXUALITY I-IF SHE FINDS OUT OH GOD



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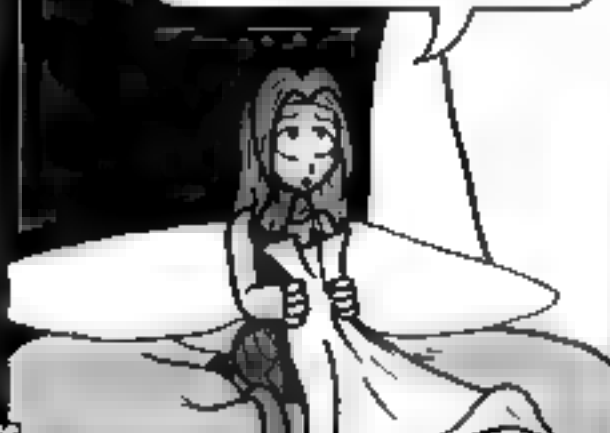


I'M SORRY THAT I DON'T
REALLY HAVE ANY USEFUL
ADVICE



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IT'S OK YOU HELP WELL
ENOUGH JUST BY LISTENING
THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN
SAY THAT COULD "FIX" THIS



YOU SHOULD PROBABLY GO BACK
AS SOON AS YOU'RE UP TO IT



WHY? ARE YOU
TRYING TO GET
RID OF ME SO
YOU CAN SLEEP?

OF COURSE NOT. IT'S JUST
THAT THE OTHERS ARE PROBABLY
WORRIED ABOUT YOU



BESIDES. I
HAVE TO
STAY UP FOR
A WHILE
LONGER IN
ANY CASE

WHY'S
THAT?



EH I'VE GOTTA
SNEAK SOME BEER
BACK DOWNSTAIRS
FOR ELLEN

WHY?



GRACE



"EARLIER TODAY GRACE WANTED SOME SODA ELLEN SAID SHE COULD GRAB SOME FROM OUR FRIDGE AND TO BRING UP A FEW "



"GRACE NOT REALLY KNOWING THE DIFFERENCE BROUGHT UP SOME BEER ELLEN WOULD'VE TAKEN IT RIGHT BACK DOWN BUT MOM WAS HOME, AND SHE DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO EXPLAIN WHY SHE HAD FOUR CANS OF BEER "



SO ONCE OUR PARENTS GO TO BED I'M GOING TO SNEAK THEM BACK DOWNSTAIRS AND PUT THEM BEHIND THE RED HERRING IN THE FRIDGE



YOU GOING BACK?

YEAH. I DON'T WANT THEM TO WORRY ABOUT ME BUT PLEASE DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS?



THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO TELL ANYONE THAT YOU'RE A HOMOSEXUAL.



BUT I HOPE IT WON'T HAVE TO BE A SECRET FOREVER

WE LL SEE WHAT TOMMOROW BRINGS.



THIS
ISN'T
SUSAN'S
ROOM

HEY
YOU'RE
BACK.

UM,
YES
WHERE
AM I?

OH, THIS IS ONE
OF THE GUEST ROOMS.
SUSAN KINDA FREAKED
WHEN YOU WENT FAIRY-
DOLL ON HER. SO SHE
GOT ME AND JUSTIN

OH ?
AND YOU
CARRIED
ME HERE?

SEEMED LIKE THE
BEST THING TO
DO AT THE TIME
SO, HOW ARE YOU
FEELING?

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BETTER
I SUPPOSE

THAT'S GOOD
DO YOU WANT
TO WATCH
ANOTHER
MOVIE NOW?

YOU'RE NOT GOING
TO ASK WHY I "WENT
FAIRY-DOLL"?

IT IS NOT MY PLACE TO ASK
IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT
IT, THOUGH WE CAN

WATCHING
ANOTHER MOVIE
SOUNDS GOOD

ALRIGHT!

NUTS

HEY
NANASE'S
BACK

HOW
IS SHE?



SHE SEEMS TO BE OK
ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

SHE'S ON HER WAY
DOWN TO WATCH THE
NEXT MOVIE WITH US.
SHE DOESN'T KNOW
THAT JUSTIN AND I
KNOW THOUGH

I CAN'T BELIEVE
THAT I PANICKED
AND TOLD YOU
GUYS WHAT WE
WERE TALKING
ABOUT! I NEVER
PANICK!



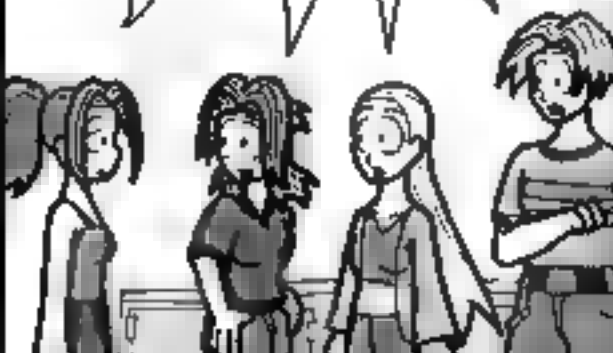
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I HOPE SHE'S DOING OK OF
ALL MY STUPID THEORIES
WHY IS THIS THE ONE THAT
HAD TO BE RIGHT?



WHAT
THEORY
WOULD
THAT
BE?

NOTHING!



THE REMAINDER OF THE EVENING WAS
SPENT WATCHING MOVIES, AND EATING
A WIDE VARIETY OF UNHEALTHY SNACKS.
ELLEN AND NANASE SAT AT OPPOSITE
ENDS OF THE SOFA, THOUGH THEIR
EYES WOULD DRIFT TOWARDS EACH-
OTHER EVER SO OFTEN



THEY STAYED UP WATCHING MOVIES
UNTIL THE BREAK OF DAWN, AN ACT
THAT THEY WILL NO DOUBT REGRET
DURING THE DAY THAT FOLLOWS



FOR TOMORROW NIGHT
WILL BE PAINTED BLACK

HELLO! I'M SARAH, AND TO MY LEFT ARE ELLIOT AND TEDD

WE'RE HERE TODAY OR TONIGHT OR WHENEVER THE HELL YOU READ THIS GIBBERISH TO ANSWER COMMON QUESTIONS THAT READERS HAVE!

AND I'M PLEASED TO SAY THAT I DIDN'T HAVE TO DRESS UP FOR THIS CRAP AS MY STANDARD OUTFIT MET THE STANDARDS FOR THE DRESS CODE!

YEAH, YOUR SHIRT MEETS THE DRESS CODE DAN GAVE US BUT I HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THAT SKIRT YOU'RE WEARING

HEY IF IT'S BEHIND THE DESK IT DOESN'T COUNT

QUICKLY CHANGING THE SUBJECT DO EITHER OF YOU KNOW WHY WE'RE DOING THIS INSTEAD OF DAN, OR EVEN DR GERMAHIN AND/OR HIS ASSISTANT AMANDA?

EH, THEY'RE PROBABLY BUSY WORKING

MEANWHILE

MUH-HAHAHA

YOU KNOW WHEN YOU TURN RANDOM GUYS INTO WOMEN, YOU REALLY SHOULD TRANSFORM THEIR SWIMSUITS TOO

GAH! DA PLAYAH BEEN PLAYED AGAIN!!!

WELL FOLKS, IT SEEMS
THAT SOME OF YOU ARE
STILL HAVING TROUBLE
TELLING ELLEN AND
NANASE APART IN THE
GREY SCALE COMICS



HOW?! HOW CAN
YOU NOT TELL THE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
MY COUSIN AND
ELLEN?!?!?



LOOK HERE THE EYES,
THE HAIR THEY EACH
LOOK QUITE DIFFERENT
AT LEAST THEY DO IN
MORE RECENT COMICS.



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AND IF ALL ELSE FAILS
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO EASILY
TELL THEM APART BY THEIR
DIFFERENT OUTFITS



HELLO, TEDD.



WHAT THE-- YOU BUMS!
NOW THEY'LL BE MORE
CONFUSED THAN EVER! HOW
DARE YOU TWO COME OUT
DRESSED THAT WAY!



THIS FROM
THE MAN IN
THE SKIRT



I CAN
FIX
THAT



"HOW IS IT THAT
DAN CAN MAKE COMICS
FIVE TIMES A WEEK?
WHERE DOES HE GET
THE TIME?"



WELL, THERE ARE MANY
TIME SAVING TECHNIQUES ONE
CAN USE, INCLUDING THE REUSE
OF IMAGES!



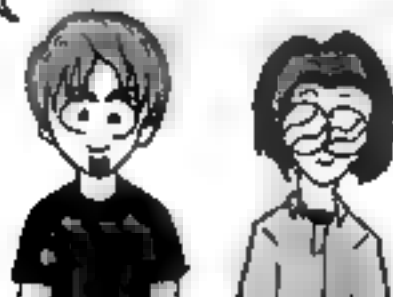
DAN DOES NOT ABUSE THE
POWER OF COPY AND PASTE,
HOWEVER! HE ONLY USES IT
WHEN IT'S LOGICAL TO DO SO!



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THAT'S RIGHT!
DAN IS NOT
SOME LAZY BUM
WHO WILL TAKE
ANY EXCUSE HE
CAN NOT TO
DRAW!

TOTALLY!
WHAT
DO YOU
THINK,
SUSAN?



HOORAY FOR
DAN! YAY!!!



"SHUDDER"
I FEEL SO
DIRTY



IF YOU'LL
EXCUSE
ME I'LL
BE AT THE
BEACH



DAN RECEIVES FAN MAIL ON A FAIRLY REGULAR BASIS. SADLY HE IS OFTEN SLOW TO RESPOND OR DOESN'T RESPOND AT ALL. THIS ISN'T HOWEVER DUE TO A LARGE EGO



"DAN OFTEN HESITATES TO RESPOND BECAUSE HE'S A BIT SHY, AND HE THINKS TOO MUCH ABOUT WHAT HE SHOULD SAY. HE COULD BE THOUGHT OF AS A BEAR. AS IN HE'S MORE AFRAID OF YOU THAN YOU ARE OF HIM."



TO HELP YOU BETTER UNDERSTAND DAN'S PROCESS FOR RESPONDING TO E-MAILS, SARAH HAS BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO CREATE IMAGES DEPICTING DAN'S FOUR CRUCIAL STAGES OF E-MAIL RESPONSE!



AS YOU'LL NOTICE, HIS SYSTEM COULD USE SOME WORK

PHASE I:

OH, COOL! FAN MAIL! HMM I'D BETTER THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT HOW TO RESPOND AND THEN REPLY LATER



PHASE II:



PHASE III:



PHASE IV:

"EL GOONISH SHIVE"?! WHAT THE--?! IS THIS BUM CALLING ME A GOON?!





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OF ALL THE QUESTIONS DAN IS ASKED THE MOST COMMON ONE IS "WHY THE HELL WOULD YOU CALL YOUR COMIC 'EL GOONISH SHIVE'?"



WELL THE TRUTH IS THAT DAN COULDN'T THINK OF A TITLE THAT WOULD FIT THE COMIC. SO HE TOSSED THE WORDS "EL GOONISH" IN FRONT OF HIS LAST NAME.

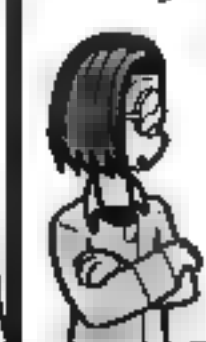


I WAS WONDERING WHAT WAS UP WITH THAT TITLE



HEY I CAN SEE YOUR MOUTH!

WELL, DUH WHY WOULDN'T YOU BE ABLE TO SEE MY MOUTH???



I HAVE NO IDEA ANYWAY WE'VE DECIDED THAT IT'S NECESSARY TO JUSTIFY THE COMIC'S NAME, AND SHALL DO SO NOW!



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BEHOLD. A HIRED GOON TO PUT THE "GOONISH" IN "EL GOONISH SHIVE"!!!



GAH! THAT GUY IS HUGE!! WHAT'S HIS ROLE GONNA BE IN THE COMIC?



OH NOTHING WE ONLY HIRED HIM TO APPEAR IN THAT ONE PANEL



AND THAT'S ENOUGH TO PUT THE "GOONISH" IN "EL GOONISH SHIVE"?



YUPI





JH, SHOULDN'T YOU
BE ANSWERING A FREQUENTLY
ASKED QUESTION, OR SOME-
THING LIKE THAT?



I WOULD BUT WE RE
OUT OF QUESTIONS THAT
I'M ALLOWED TO ANSWER

OH SHOULDN'T
WE BE STARTING THE
'TAM ET TEDD' STORY-
LINE THEN?



WE WOULD
BUT DAN'S NOT
READY YET



NOT READY? BUT
DOESN'T HE HAVE ALL
THIS STUFF PLANNED
OUT IN ADVANCE?

"HE HAS THE STORY PLANNED WELL IN
ADVANCE BUT HE USUALLY JUST KEEPS
ALL OF HIS PLANS JUMBLED UP IN HIS
HEAD. SO HE SOMETIMES WINDS UP
GETTING DELAYED IN PRODUCTION DUE
TO NOT BEING ORGANIZED ENOUGH."



"TO PREVENT DELAYS WITH 'TAM ET
TEDD' AND 'PAINTED BLACK' DAN IS
ACTUALLY WRITING OUT DETAILED
SCRIPTS IN ADVANCE"

TEDD: I FOUND A WAND IN A BOX!
ELLIOT: REALLY? *Swings wand*
TEDD: NO DON'T DO- *Turns into hot
girl; clothes change too*
ELLIOT: ER SORRY ABOUT THAT



OH OK HEY, YOU
DON'T THINK DAN
WOULD ACTUALLY PUT
THAT MAGIC WAND
FROM THAT EXAMPLE
INTO A REAL COMIC
DO YOU?



HEY GUYS!
LOOK WHAT
I FOUND IN
SOME BOX!



HOLY CRAP! THIS SCRIPT FOR THE UPCOMING STORIES IS AMAZING! IT'S LIKE ALL OF MY TWISTED DREAMS COME TRUE!!



THIS THING IS OVERFLOWING WITH STUFF! MALE TO FEMALE SHRINKING CAT GIRLS MIND ALTERATIONS. THIS IS GOING TO BE AWESOME!!



UM. TEDD? THIS IS THE SCRIPT FOR UPCOMING STORIES. WHAT YOU'RE HOLDING IS JUST DAN'S SKETCHBOOK



REALLY?
AW CRUD
I SUPPOSE THE SEVERAL PAGES DEPICTING YOU ELLEN GRACE NANASE AND SUSAN HAVING A SLUMBER PARTY IN SKIMPY PAJAMAS WHILE
—
SHRINK SODAS SHOULD'VE TIPPED ME OFF

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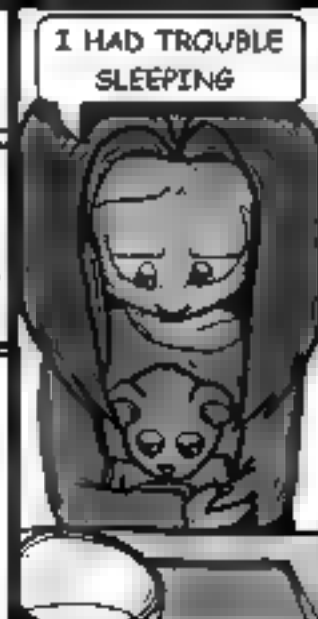
WELL, THAT'S JUST ABOUT IT FOR THE SECOND Q&A STORY LINE! IF YOU'RE WONDERING WHY I'M DRESSED LIKE THIS, IT'S BECAUSE I WAS SICK OF THAT HOT SUIT AND IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE DRESSED THIS WAY. THE SWORD SERVES NO PURPOSE BUT WHAT THE HELL. ANYWAY THANKS FOR PUTTING JP WITH THIS DELAY IN THE CONTINUING STORYLINE AND WE HOPE YOU AT LEAST GOT SOME LAUGHS. WE LEAVE YOU NOW WITH THIS FINAL GLIMPSE OF DAN'S BEACH TRIP

WHAT I FAIL TO UNDERSTAND IS, WHY DID YOU EVEN BRING SHRINK SODA TO THE BEACH?



WHY DO YOU CARE? MY BEING SMALL ENOUGH TO FIT IN YOUR SAND CASTLE REALLY HELPED TO CONVINCE THOSE JUDGES TO GIVE YOU FIRST PRIZE!

THE MORNING AFTER THE NIGHT OUT



GRACE, YOU SHOULD LET SLEEPING DOGS SLEEP

WHAT DOGS?

DAMMIT, DIDN'T YOU LEARN ANY EXPRESSIONS WHILE GROWING UP?

OH. IT'S CORN THAT ISN'T CORN.

WHAT?! LOOK DO YOU REALLY WANNA KNOW WHY I LET YOU LIVE HERE?

"WE LEARNED OF YOU AND YOUR BROTHERS THROUGH AN INFORMANT I... WOUND UP PROMISING THIS INFORMANT GUY THAT I WOULD TAKE CARE OF YOU "

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GRANTED. AT THE TIME I FIGURED "TAKING CARE" OF YOU WOULD SIMPLY INVOLVE KEEPING YOU SAFE WHILE I WAS WORKING UNDERCOVER. BUT ANYWAY, THAT S WHY YOU'RE WELCOME HERE

WHO WAS THE INFORMANT?

I CAN T TELL YOU

WHY NOT?

I PROMISED HIM THAT I WOULDN'T

SARAH??
ARE YOU UP
YET?



knock
knock

SARAH??



SARAH, WAKE UP!
YOUR MOTHER IS
MAKING PANCAKES!

Anatomy for Art

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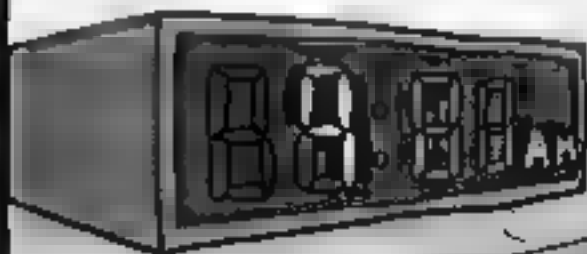
SARAH ARE
YOU EVEN IN
THERE?!

RANDOM DUDE
POSTER



MUMBLE

COME ON, SARAH! YOU DON'T WANT TO SLEEP
THROUGH YOUR ENTIRE SATURDAY DO YOU?



THAT'S WHAT
SATURDAYS ARE
FOR!!!



WELL. GOOD
MORNING
SLEEPYHEAD

FUNNIES



SIGH
HERE ARE
YOUR
FUNNIES

MM



...



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UM. DAD? YOU HANDED
ME THE OBITUARIES.

TURN THE PAGE. THE
COMICS ARE NEXT TO
THOSE NOW



YOU'RE KIDDING ME WHOA
YOU'RE RIGHT! WHOSE BRIGHT
IDEA WAS THAT?



HMM. OBITUARIES





BUT WHY WOULD HE SAY THAT?
HOW WAS SOMEBODY ELSE NAMED
GRACE DYING IN THIS DIMENSION
RELEVANT?



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WELL, GRACE I GUESS IT'S
TIME TO FIND OUT IF YOU'RE
A GHOST



"I GUESS GRACE DIDN'T DIE
IN THAT DIMENSION"? TEDD'S
DAD ACTUALLY SAID THAT?



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HELLO IS
TEDD UP? WE
WERE GONNA
DO STUFF
TODAY

YES. HE TOLD
ME I M AFRAID
HE S STILL IN
BED THOUGH

REALLY? THAT
LUCKY BUM
SHOULD I COME
BACK LATER?

NO IT'S ABOUT
TIME HE WOKE
UP ANYWAY

TEDD, WAKE UP! IT'S AFTER NOON,
AND ELLIOT'S HERE TO WASTE
TIME WITH YOU, SO GET UP!!

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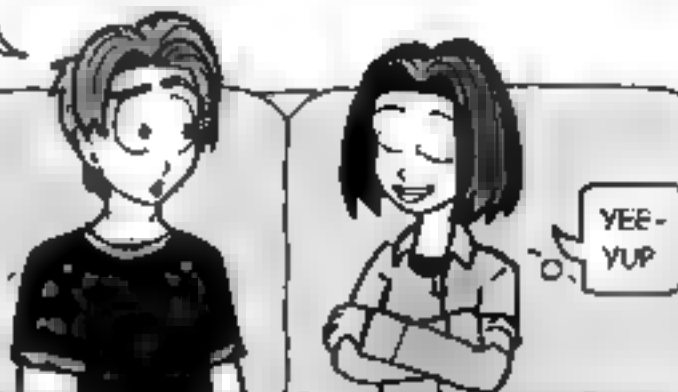
YAWN

STRETCH

HOW LONG
HAVE YOU
BEEN THERE?

YAWN

SO AT SOME POINT THIS MORNING GRACE WANDERED INTO YOUR BED WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING BECAUSE SHE COULDN'T SLEEP ALONE BECAUSE OF WEIRD RECURRING NIGHTMARES AND YOU DIDN'T NOTICE?

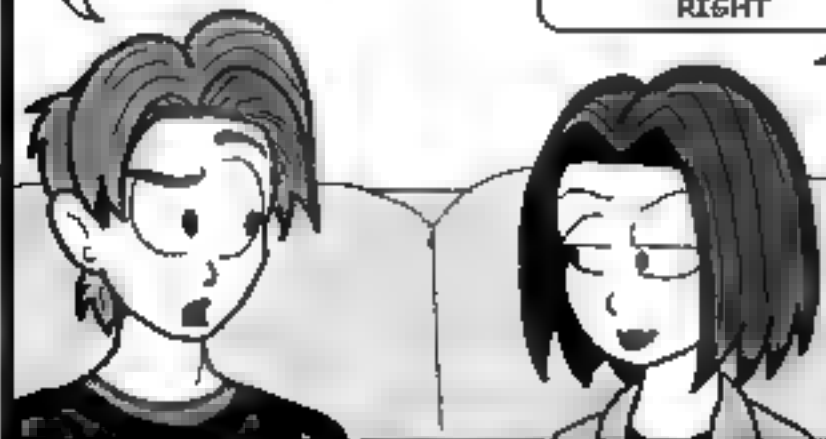


YEE-YUP

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YOU ACTUALLY SLEPT THROUGH HER GETTING INTO BED WITH YOU?

I ANTICIPATED THAT REACTION, AND HAVE PREPARED A COUNTER-POINT LOOK TO YOUR RIGHT



GAH! HOW LONG HAS SHE BEEN THERE?!

SHE'S LIKE A SLEEPY LITTLE NINJA



MEANWHILE OUTSIDE

DO YOU REALLY SUPPOSE HE'S READY FOR US?

WELL, IF HE'S NOT, THERE'S A COFFEE PLACE





"TAKE ME TO YOUR TEDD"? OK FIRST
OF ALL, THAT'S HORRIBLY CLICHÉ
SECONDLY I'M TEDDI REMEMBER?



YOU'RE NOT
TEDDI HIS EYES
ARE LARGE AND
CIRCULAR!



WHILE YOUR EYES
ARE SMALL, AND
BEAUTIFUL.



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HANG ON A SECOND



OH
THERE
YOU ARE
TEDDI
HELLO!



WHO WAS
THAT OTHER
NUT OUT
HERE BEFORE
YOU?



HUH? ELLIOT WHY ARE YOU CARRYING ME? WHY ARE WE IN THE BASEMENT?

IT FIGURES THAT YOU'D WAKE UP ONCE WE REACHED THE BOTTOM OF THE STEPS



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SOMEONE WAS AT THE DOOR, SO IF YOU WANNA GO BACK UPSTAIRS, YOU SHOULD SWITCH TO YOUR "CLAIRE" FORM



I'LL JUST STAY DOWN HERE THEN

HUH? YOU DON'T LIKE YOUR CLAIRE FORM OR SOMETHING?



NO IT'S NOT THAT

I'VE BEEN SPENDING A WHOLE LOT OF TIME AS A HUMAN SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE AND IT'S BEEN REALLY WEIRD NOT HAVING A TAIL



WAIT ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU PREFER THIS SQUIRREL FORM OVER BEING HUMAN?

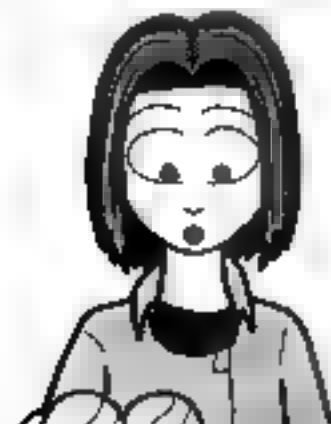


TAILS FEEL WEIRD!

I DUNNO IT FEELS MORE NATURAL, AT LEAST



OK, NOW, THIS IS ME
WITHOUT GLASSES. NOTE THAT
EVERY OTHER ASPECT OF MY
APPEARANCE REMAINS THE SAME



NOW ME WITH
GLASSES. YOU SEE?



YOU, SIR HAVE
BLOWN MY MIND



I HAVE A BAD
HABIT OF
DOING THAT
NOW, WHAT
CAN I DO FOR
YOU GENTS
TODAY?



WELL WE WERE IN THE NEIGHBOR-
HOOD AND WE FIGURED IT WOULDN'T
HURT TO DROP BY TO SEE IF YOU HAD
MADE ANY SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS



OH, RIGHT. ACTUALLY I'VE MADE
LOTS OF PROGRESS. I THINK WITH A
LITTLE WORK I COULD BE READY FOR
YOU SHORTLY. ACTUALLY!



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HEY SHE'S STAYING
DOWNSTAIRS FOR--

PERFECT! GRACE CAN
KEEP ME COMPANY WHILE
I QUICKLY WORK ON
THIS THING!



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HEY, KEEP OUR GUESTS
OCCUPIED WILL YA?



DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM
BEING ALIENS AND ALL.
THEY'RE COOL!

ZA?



...



HEY, COOL. I'M HAVING A CLOSE
ENCOUNTER OF THE FIFTH KIND!

HEY, COOL. SOME NERD
IS POINTING AT ME!





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HEY GRACE, WAIT UNTIL
YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS--

WARNING:

ENTERING TEDD'S
LAI NDY ROOM
BASEMENT ENTER AT
YOUR OWN RISK

GRACE?! WHOA!

WARNING:
ENTERING TEDD'S
LAI NDY ROOM
BASEMENT ENTER AT
YOUR OWN RISK

HI TEDD I WAS
JUST PRACTICING
COMBINING FORMS.*

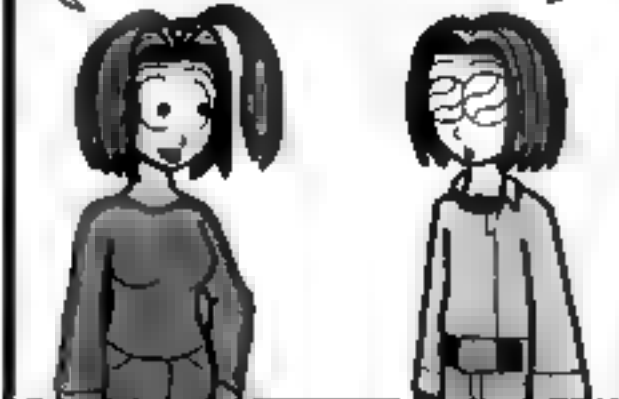
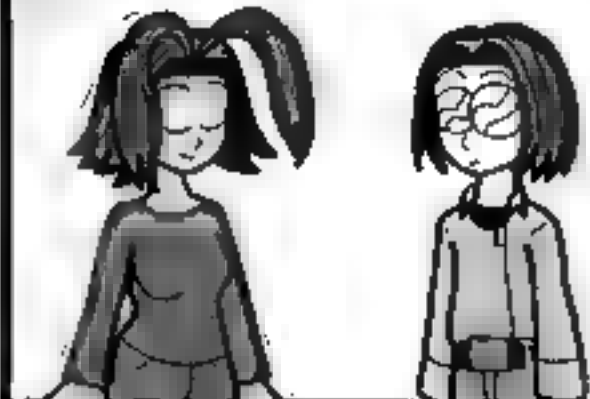
*RESULTS IN "LEGION" FORMS

THAT'S COOL, YOU'VE GOT A NICE
MIX OF CLAIRE AND SQUIRREL GOING
FOR YOU THERE DO YOU HAVE ANY
OTHER NEW LEGION FORMS?

YEP!
CHECK
THIS
ONE
OUT!

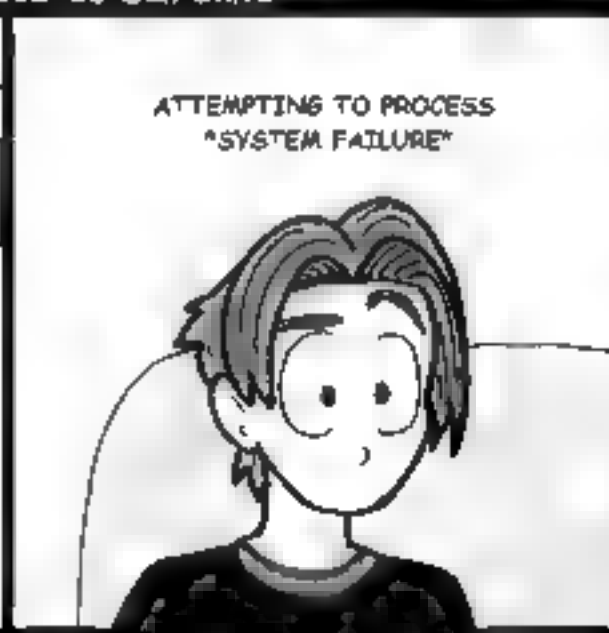
THIS IS THE
"LEGION FORM: TG"
AKA THE "TEDD AND
GRACE" FORM!

I HAVEN'T THE
SLIGHTEST IDEA
HOW I SHOULD FEEL
ABOUT THIS





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OK LOOK I'M GOING TO EXPLAIN THE WHOLE EGG THINGY TO YOU BUT I'M NOT GOING TO GO ALL OUT ON DETAILS IT'S NOT LIKE I'M HERE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE URYUOM BIRDS AND BEES HERE. ALRIGHT?

ALRIGHT

OK SO WHEN A URYUOM AND A URYUOM LOVE EACH OTHER THEY CAN CREATE A SHELL USING STUFF FROM BOTH OF THEIR BODIES A SINGLE URYUOM CAN'T GENERATE ENOUGH AT ONE TIME TO FORM A SINGLE SHELL.

ON IT'S OWN THE SHELL THAT RESULTS IS NOTHING. IT NEEDS ENOUGH DNA FROM AT LEAST TWO DIFFERENT SOURCES IN ORDER TO DEVELOP AN OFFSPRING AND THIS DNA IS INJECTED THROUGH LITTLE OPENINGS IN THE SHELL.

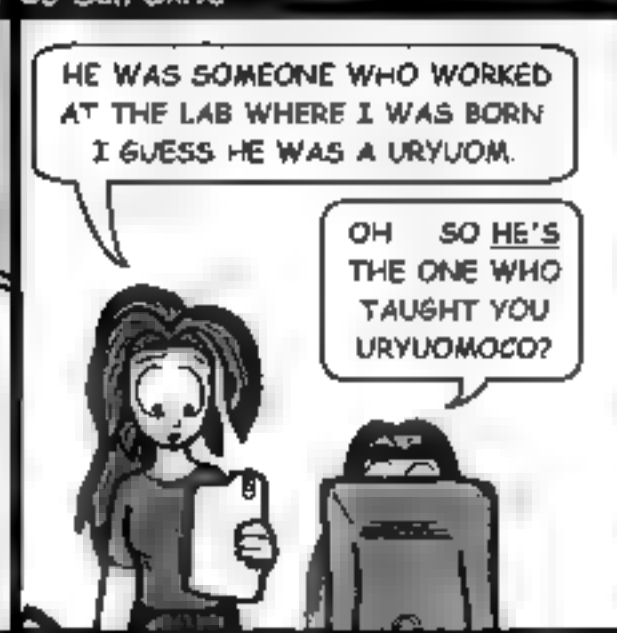
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WHICH IS WHY OUR EGGS LOOK LIKE LITTLE METEORS!

INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH THESE SHELLS WILL ACCEPT DNA FROM MORE THAN TWO PARENTS AND WILL EVEN ACCEPT DIFFERENT SPECIES!

THE CURRENT KNOWN RECORD FOR NUMBER OF PARENTS TO A SINGLE CHILD IS TWELVE. AND ONLY NINE OF THOSE WERE URYUOMS.

THAT KID NEEDED SOME SERIOUS COUNSELING.



SO UH, WHAT'S TEDD COOKING UP FOR YOU TWO DOWN IN HIS LAB?

HMM. SHOULD WE JUST TELL HIM?

WHY WOULDN'T WE TELL HIM?

I'M NOT SAYING WE SHOULDN'T I'M JUST ASKING IF WE SHOULD GIVE A STRAIGHTFORWARD ANSWER OR IF WE SHOULD DESCRIBE THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE ANSWER IN MORE DETAIL THAN TRULY NECESSARY

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OH! OK I SAY THE LATTER TEDD'S BOUND TO BE A WHILE LONGER IN HIS LAB. AND IF WE'RE TELLING A STORY ELLIOT WILL BE LESS TEMPTED TO ASK US AWKWARD QUESTIONS

EXCELLENT POINT
GOD ONLY KNOWS
WHAT INAPPROPRIATE
QUESTIONS HE MAY
YET HAVE

INDEED.
FLASHBACK
APPROACH
IT IS. THEN

WELL, ELLIOT
IT ALL BEGAN
AROUND FOUR
YEARS AGO

"WAG"
"WAG"
"WAG"

AROUND FOUR YEARS AGO

DING-DONG

DON'T WORRY,
SON, I'LL GET IT!

MN

SIGH

CREEK
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AH HELLO!
COME ON IN.

?

DID YOU HAVE ANY TROUBLE
FINDING THE PLACE?

...

NO YOUR
DIRECTIONS WERE
MORE THAN
ADEQUATE

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR
MEETING WITH US!

DOOR SHUT

ALRIGHT, I JUST WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN WE'RE ON THE SAME PAGE AS I UNDERSTAND IT YOU TWO HAVE A BIT OF A TECHNICAL

PROBLEM



IT'S MORE OF A COSMETIC PROBLEM. REALLY WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TROUBLE FITTING IN. BUT WE FEEL WE COULD DO BETTER



AS YOU KNOW OUR SPECIES HAS SOME METAMORPHIC ABILITIES WHICH IS THE BASIS FOR MOST OF OUR COSMETICS



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YES. THAT'S HOW YOU BOTH HAVE HUMAN-LIKE HAIR BUT SUCH DEVICES ARE LIMITED IN WHAT THEY CAN CHANGE



YEP ALL DEVICES LEGALLY SOLD ON OUR PARENT-PLANET ARE LIMITED DUE TO THE LIMITS OF THE SANCTIONED PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES.



THIS DEVICE HOWEVER WAS NOT LEGALLY SOLD ON THE PARENT PLANET

I HOPE YOU'RE
NOT TELLING ME
THAT WHAT YOU
HAVE THERE IS
ILLEGAL

DON'T WORRY
IT'S LEGAL. I
DIDN'T BUY OR
STEAL IT

MY PARENTS MADE THIS DEVICE BEFORE
CERTAIN LAWS WERE PASSED. AS A RESULT
IT'S LEGAL FOR ME TO OWN IT, BUT I
COULDN'T SELL IT ON THE PARENT PLANET

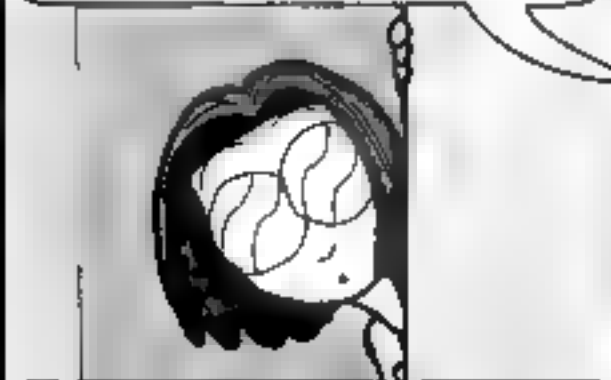
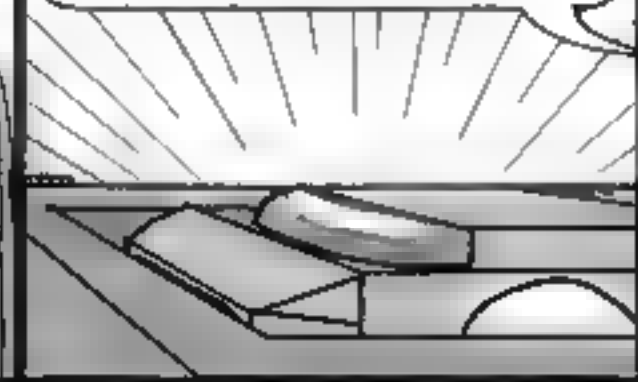
IT'S A COMMON COSMETIC MORPH
DEVICE, EXCEPT THAT IT USES OBJECT-
ORIENTED PROGRAMMING METHODS THAT
ARE CONDEMNED BY CERTAIN RELIGIOUS
LEADERS WHEN USED WITH THINGS
LIKE THIS

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OTHER PROGRAMMING METHODS USED
WITH COSMETIC MORPHING DEVICES
ARE TOO REDUNDANT AND COMPLEX TO
HANDLE THE SORT OF TRANSFORMATIONS
JRYUOMS ON EARTH WOULD BEST
BENEFIT FROM

I MUST ADMIT I AM SOMEWHAT
CONFUSED. I WAS UNDER THE
IMPRESSION THAT MOST GOVERNMENTS
ON YOUR PARENT PLANET HAD LAWS
PROTECTING FREEDOM OF RELIGION?

YES, BUT MANY OF THE LAWS THAT GET
PASSED ARE STILL BASED ON THE BELIEFS
OF THE MOST WIDELY ACCEPTED RELIGION.
EVEN IF THERE IS NO OTHER LAW-WORTHY
BASIS FOR THEM



SO ALLOW ME TO GUESS. YOU WANT ME TO FIND SOMEONE TO PROGRAM THAT DEVICE SO IT CAN MAKE YOU TWO LOOK LIKE REAL HUMANS?



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WOW! HOW D YOU GUESS???

IT WAS PRETTY OBVIOUS I D LIKE TO HELP BUT I'M NOT SURE WHO I COULD TRUST



IF THAT DEVICE CAN MAKE YOU TWO LOOK TOTALLY HUMAN, IT COULD POTENTIALLY MAKE ANYBODY LOOK LIKE ANYONE THEY WANT THAT COULD BE OBVIOUSLY A MAJOR THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY



YOU HAVE A POINT, HUMANS CAN BE CHANGED BY THESE, EVEN IF THEY CAN T MORPH BACK AND FORTH ON THEIR OWN



STILL IS THERE NOBODY YOU TRUST?

NOT THAT I CAN THINK OF



I'LL DO IT!!!!





ZOOM!!!



WHAT THE
HELL WAS THAT?



THAT WAS MY SON, TEDD. HE MUST'VE BEEN EAVESDROPPING MY APOLOGIES. I'LL GO HAVE A WORD WITH HIM

MR
VERRES
WAIT!

HE SAID HE'D DO IT
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT
HE COULD?

IT'S POSSIBLE HE'S VERY
TALENTED BUT HE'S STILL JUST
A KID. I WOULDN'T WANT HIM
PLAYING AROUND WITH THAT
THING

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I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT HE
WOULDN'T HAVE TO TEST IT OUT ON
ANYBODY THE COMPUTER SYSTEM HE'D
BE PROGRAMMING WITH HAS A
SIMULATION SETUP

YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T KNOW ANYBODY
YOU COULD TRUST WITH THIS DUE TO
SECURITY CONCERNS WOULD YOU BE
ABLE TO TRUST YOUR SON?

TRUST HIM TO NOT VIOLATE
NATIONAL SECURITY? DEFINITELY
TRUST HIM TO NOT TRANSFORM
HIMSELF AND OTHERS? HELL NO!

HE COULD TEST EVERYTHING WITHOUT
HAVING TO TRANSFORM ANYBODY

TEDD WOULD VERY EASILY BE TEMPTED TO USE THAT DEVICE! HE HAS SOME VERY STRANGE INTERESTS. AND HE GETS PICKED ON A LOT FOR THE WAY HE LOOKS AND AND

HE BARELY SPEAKS

WHAT?

TEDD DOESN'T TALK MUCH WHEN HE DOES YOU USUALLY HAVE TO LISTEN CLOSELY, AS HE SPEAKS SOFTLY AND WON'T LOOK AT YOU DIRECTLY HE ONLY HAS ONE FRIEND THAT I KNOW OF AND EVEN WITH HIM, HE'S PRETTY QUIET

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HE SEEMS TO BE GENUINELY AFRAID OF PEOPLE HE DOESN'T KNOW AND HE BARELY SPEAKS TO THOSE HE DOES AND YET, JUST MOMENTS AGO THE LAST TIME HE SPOKE UP LIKE THAT, IT WAS IT WAS BEFORE HIS MOM LEFT

THEY'RE, UM WILLING TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE

FELINEGI
SQUA

SO WAIT, TEDD GOT
THE SUN FROM YOU TWO
AND HIS FATHER AGREED
TO IT OUT OF PITY?

ESSENTIALLY WHERE
DID YOU THINK HE GOT
IT FROM?

I JUST FIGURED HE
MADE IT HIMSELF
HE MIGHT'VE TOLD
ME ALL THIS BEFORE
HE USED TO MUMBLE,
SO I'D MISS A LOT

WE TOLD HIM TO
TAKE THE TIME HE
NEEDED TO MASTER
THE TECHNOLOGY
AND THAT WE'D
WAIT UNTIL THEN.

ADD TO THAT THE
LENGTHY TASK OF
TEACHING HIM
URYUOMOCO AND
YOU CAN SEE WHY
IT TOOK FOUR YEARS

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FOR THE COMPUTER STUFF?
HOW LONG DID IT TAKE HIM
TO LEARN URYUOMOCO?

THREE
SECONDS.

THREE SECONDS?! HOW
THE HELL CAN SOMEONE--

ROULM U
RUMTAUTO
CHUG
HUGG???

IT'S A SHAME
WE CAN ONLY
DO THAT SORTA
THING WITH
LANGUAGES

YES. BUT I LOVED
HAVING THAT
ABILITY BACK IN
FRENCH CLASS!

IT'S AMAZING THAT WILLIAM
AND GILLIAN HAD SUCH GOOD
TIMING YOU WEREN'T READY
FOR THEM UNTIL RECENTLY



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NOT AS AMAZING AS YOU
MIGHT THINK THEY USUALLY
CALL FIRST BUT THEY COME
BY EVERY FEW MONTHS



TO SEE IF YOU WERE READY
TO GIVE THEM HUMAN FORMS
THAT DIDN'T LEAVE THEM WITH
ANTENNAE AND SUCH?



WELL, THAT AND THEY
SEEM TO LIKE SOME OF THE
OTHER LESS-PRODUCTIVE
FORMS I'VE MADE FOR FUN
AND PRACTICE



THAT'S REALLY SAGO-
ER, CUTE BUT WHY DO
YOU NEED CAT FORMS?

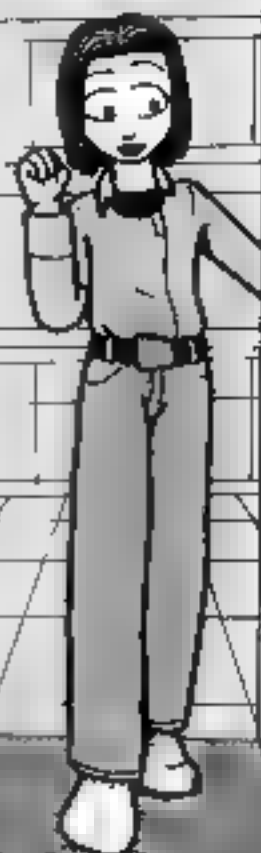


I THINK YOU JUST
ANSWERED YOUR OWN
QUESTION!

MEREOW!!!



WILLIAM? GILLIAN?
I M READY FOR YOU NOW
DOWNSTAIRS

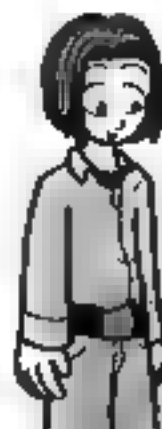


ELLIOT
COULD YOU
WATCH OUR
EGG WHILE
WE RE DOWN-
STAIRS?

SURE NO
PROBLEM.



YOU TWO
HAD AN EGG?



WELL, YES!
YOU MEAN YOU
DIDN'T KNOW?
WHAT DID YOU
THINK WE HAD
THAT BABY
CARRIAGE FOR?



I JUST
FIGURED THAT
YOU HAD SOME
HUMAN-SIZED
CLOTHES IN IT
FOR AFTER THE
TRANS-
FORMATION.



I KNEW
WE WERE
FORGETTING
ABOUT
SOMETHING



IT S NOT LIKE IT
MATTERS. WE CAN T
WEAR ANYTHING
WHILE GROWING
TWICE AS LARGE
ANYWAY



HI YAI

GILLIAN AND WILLIAM, THIS IS
CLAIRE CLAIRE WILLIAM AND
GILLIAN

HEY

HELLO

UM, TEDD? SHE'S NOT
STAYING DOWN HERE
IS SHE?

WHAT?

SHE WAS
GOING TO
WHY DO
YOU ASK?

HEY WE DON'T MEAN ANY
OFFENSE! WE'D JUST LIKE TO KEEP
THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AROUND
DURING THIS TO A MINIMUM!

WILLIAM'S A BIT
SHY ABOUT THE
WHOLE NO. CLOTHES
PART OF THE
PROCESS.

AW C'MON! WHAT IF
I WAS NAKED TOO??

THAT WOULD
JUST BE MORE
AWKWARD

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Admittance"

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BAH!

ZA?

I GOT BOOTED FROM
THE BASEMENT!!!

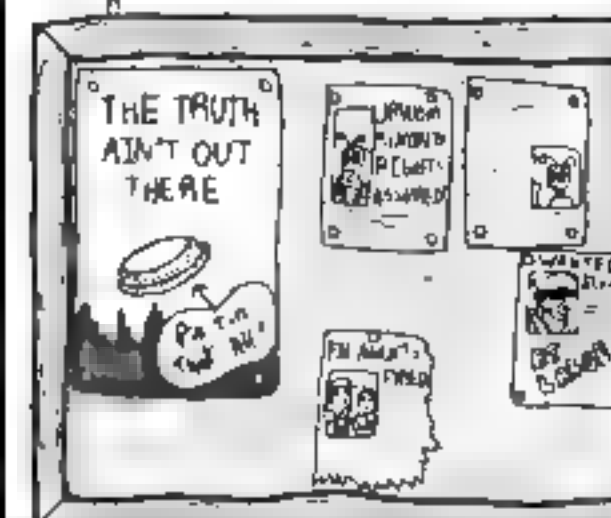
I CAN'T BELIEVE I
GOT KICKED OUT OF
THE BASEMENT JUST
BECAUSE THEY GOTTA
TAKE OFF THEIR
CLOTHES

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GRACE, OF ALL THE THINGS YOU
COULD GET MAD ABOUT YOU GO
WITH THIS? I MEAN, OPPOSITION
TO CASUAL NUDITY IS YOUR PET
PEEVE? WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?

IT'S PRETTY REASONABLE THAT
THEY WOULD WANT SOME PRIVACY
I MEAN IF YOU WERE THEM
WOULDN'T YOU WANT SOME?

TALK TO THE SHIRT



"Some Things Sound Less Cool in Code"

AND SO, FOR THOSE REASONS
AND MORE THAT "UFO" YOU SAW
WAS JUST A WEATHER BALLOON
NOT HIDING ANYTHING,
MR. VERRES



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AH SOME OF MY BEST WORK
THOUGH I HAVE BEEN USING THAT
WEATHER BALLOON EXCUSE A LOT
I THINK I'LL BLAME SWAMP GAS
NEXT TIME

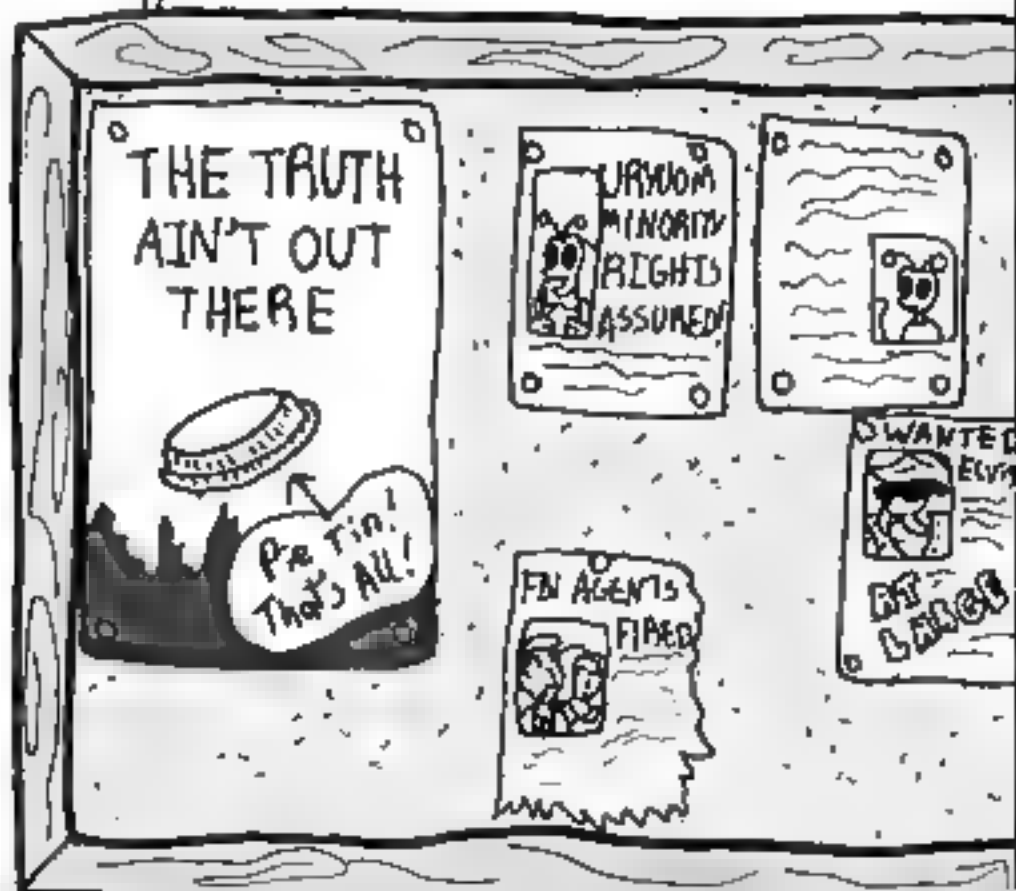


CURSED PHONE HELLO
MR. VERRES SPEAKING



WE'RE NOT CERTAIN, BUT IT'S
APPARENT THAT THE DEVIL HAS
SEIZED THE ACORN SIR

UPSTAIRS...



"Some Things Sound Less Cool in Code"



TEDD!

I HOPE THE ANSWER IS NO BUT ARE YOU TEDD?

GRACE TEDD'S
DOWNSTAIRS WITH
WILL AND GILL

THEY'RE HERE? DAMN, I DON'T
HAVE TIME TO SEE THEM. LISTEN
I HAVE TO GO OUT ON BUSINESS
TELL TEDD I WON'T BE BACK FOR
A WHILE

UM SURE

OH AND GRACE? THERE'S
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT
BUT STAY INDOORS, AND
AWAY FROM WINDOWS

SLAM!

YOU KNOW, FOR A GUY WHOSE
JOB IS COVERING UP STUFF
HE'S REALLY NOT THAT GOOD
AT HIDING THINGS

THANKS.

IF YOU WANT
BUT I DON T
SEE WHY YOU'D
NEED ONE

DRAT

WOW YOU
LOOK REALLY
GOOD

YEAH, SO
DO YOU

OH RIGHT AS YOU GUYS WOULD KNOW URYUOMS ARE ATTRACTED TO ONE ANOTHER BASED MAINLY ON MENTAL CONNECTIONS BOTH ON A PSYCHIC AND AN EMOTIONAL LEVEL HUMANS CAN EASILY BE PHYSICALLY ATTRACTED JUST BY LOOKS. SO IF YOU FEEL FUNNY LOOKING AT EACH OTHER THAT S PROBABLY WHY

PERHAPS WE
SHOULD'VE
CONSIDERED
CLAIRE'S
OFFER

THAT'S ODD
WHERE DID THIS
COME FROM?



GOODBYE!
THANKS AGAIN
FOR THE HELP!

WE'LL BE
IN TOUCH!

WELL, THAT
CERTAINLY WAS
NICE OF YOU TO
HELP THEM OUT

AND I GOT
TO SEE HUMAN
GILLIAN NAKED!

WHAT?
I DID SHE
WAS HOT

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WAS IT JUST ME
OR WAS CLAIRE IN A
THIRD-LEVEL FORM?

YOU FELT
THAT TOO?
WEIRD HUH?

I DON'T THINK
SHE'S A URYUOM,
BUT HUMANS
ONLY HAVE TWO
FORM LEVELS

SHE
MUST BE A
SEYUNOLUI

NOT THAT
THERE'S ANYTHING
WRONG WITH THAT
I WONDER IF TEDD
KNOWS?

I'M SURE HE
DOES. HE IS
TEDD AFTER
ALL!

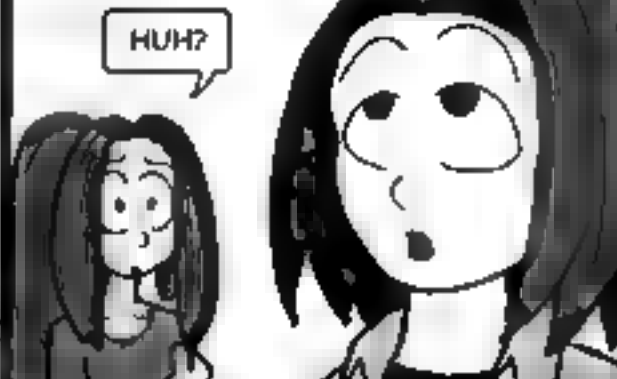


SO MY DAD LEFT SUDDENLY ON A BUSINESS MATTER SAID HE COULD BE GONE FOR A WHILE, AND TOLD YOU TO STAY INDOORS AND AWAY FROM WINDOWS?



YES! WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS?

I THINK IT MEANS WE'LL BE ORDERING PIZZA TONIGHT



HUH?

TEDD THIS IS SERIOUS!



I AM BEING SERIOUS! I'M A HORRIBLE COOK!

BUT YOUR DAD SAID I SHOULD STAY INSIDE AND AWAY FROM WINDOWS! WHAT IF MY BROTHERS ARE CLOSING IN ON ME?!



IF THAT WAS THE CASE MY DAD WOULDN'T BE LEAVING YOU HERE! HE JUST WANTS US TO PLAY IT SAFE WHILE HE'S GONE. THERE'S NOTHING OUTSIDE THE ORDINARY TO WORRY ABOUT

THE ORDINARY?



YOU KNOW STUFF LIKE THE SAFETY ON THE TRANSFORMATION GUN BREAKING, AND ELLIOT BEING TURNED INTO A CHICK AND BEING STUCK THAT WAY FOR A WHILE?



THAT ONLY HAPPENED ONCE



A WALK IN THE
PARK WITH SARAH??
YOU ACTUALLY CONSIDER
THAT A DATE?



YEAH. SO? WE LIKE TO
TAKE WALKS IN THE PARK.
SO THAT'S WHERE WE'RE
GOING FOR OUR DATE



BESIDES THE SUN WILL
BE SETTING AND THAT'S
ALL SORTS OF ROMANTIC



YEESH.
YOU'RE MORE OF A
WOMAN THAN YOUR
GIRLFRIEND



A FEW HOURS LATER

SPEAKING OF WHOM.

SHOULD I WEAR THE COMFORTABLE AND WARM
BUT UN SEXY FLANNEL? SHOULD I CHANGE SHIRTS?
DO I NEED LIPSTICK? WHAT
THE HELL DO YOU WEAR ON A
WALKING DATE?!



ridae



Grace Scioridae 18
Killed in a driving

"Important
Piece in
a Large
Puzzle."

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LET'S GET THIS STUFF OUT OF THE WAY SHALL WE?

OOOH SO MUCH TO KEEP TRACK OF



ABOUT FOUR AND A HALF YEARS AGO MR VERRES INFILTRATED AN ORGANIZATION THAT WAS SECRETLY CREATING SHAPE-SHIFTING ASSASSINS. THE GOVERNMENT HAD BECOME AWARE OF THIS ORGANIZATION THROUGH AN INFORMANT AND MR VERRES PROMISED THIS INFORMANT THAT HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF GRACE SHORTLY AFTER MR VERRES GOT OUT OF THE ORGANIZATION TO PREPARE TO DISMANTLE IT. A HUMAN-LIKE MONSTER WITH NO APPARENT SHAPE-SHIFTING ABILITIES KILLED EVERYONE PRESENT AT THE COMPANY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SHAPE-SHIFTERS. THIS MONSTER KNOWN AS DAMIEN, TOOK THE SHAPE-SHIFTERS WITH HIM AND APPOINTED HIMSELF THEIR MASTER.



FOUR SHAPE-SHIFTERS WERE BORN THROUGH THE ORGANIZATIONS "PROJECT LYCANTHROPE". THE FIRST WAS GUINEAS, THE HALF-GUINEA PIG WHO KEEPS TO HIS HALF ANIMAL FORM TO AVOID THE PAIN OF TRANSFORMING. THE SECOND BORN WAS HEDGE, THE HALF HEDGEHOG. THE THIRD WAS VLAD, A VAMPIRE BAT LIKE CREATURE WHO NEVER WILLINGLY TRANSFORMS AS HIS TRANSFORMATION IS COMPLEX AND FLAWED ENOUGH TO POTENTIALLY BE FATAL. THE FOURTH WAS SHADE TAIL, KNOWN TO HER FRIENDS AS GRACE. HEDGE WAS APPARENTLY SENT TO SEARCH FOR GRACE AFTER SHE LEFT THE GROUP BUT IT'S QUESTIONABLE WHETHER HE REALLY WANTS TO FIND HER.



four and a half years ago...

AAAAAAA--*

SOMEBODY HELP ME--!!!

NO, PLEASE...!!



SH-SHADE
TAIL...

...EVACUATE! THIS IS
NOT A DRILL! EVERYONE
GET OUT OF--*URK*

DON'T KILL ME....!!



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THAT S A
BEAUTIFUL
SUNSET

SWISH!

SO DO ANYTHING
INTERESTING TODAY?



UM YES BUT IT S PROBABLY
BAD TO TALK ABOUT IT IN PUBLIC



I LL TELL YOU
ABOUT IT LATER

WELL, I SUPPOSE
I'LL HAVE TO
WAIT TO TELL
YOU WHAT I WAS
UP TO TODAY!



HEY C'MONI I WAS
AT TEDD S HOUSE
TODAY WHAT S
YOUR EXCUSE?



LET S JUST SAY I HAVE
A GOOD ONE AND MOVE
ALONG WITH OUR WALK

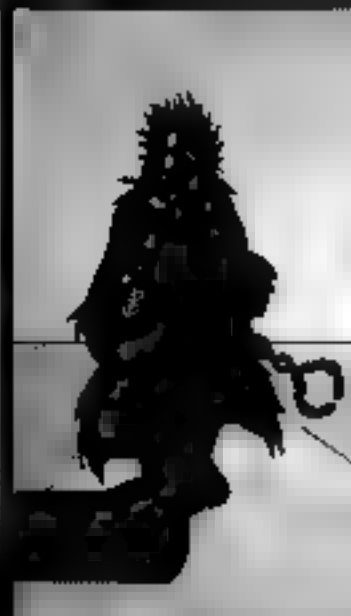


OH, GREAT NOW I CAN'T
STOP THINKING ABOUT WHAT
YOU MIGHT BE TALKING ABOUT

HEHEHE



HEY DON'T
FALL BEHIND
NOW!



IS THAT WHO I
THINK IT IS ?




WHOEVER IT IS
I'M BUSTING OUT
THE PEPPER SPRAY






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AS I WAS
SAYING PRIOR
TO THAT FOWL
INTERRUPTION
I NEED YOU TO
COME WITH ME
COUSIN CAT




"COUSIN
CAT"? YOU
JUST KEEP
ADDING TO
YOUR
NICKNAME
FOR ME
DON'T
YOU?




YOU'RE NOT ONE OF MY SIBLINGS
AND YOU TURN INTO A CAT SO YOU
MUST BE ONE OF MY COUSINS


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NOW PLEASE I NEED YOU TO
COME WITH ME I'D PREFER YOU
CAME WILLINGLY BUT I'M READY
TO FORCE YOU IF NECESSARY!



SARAH
GET OUT
OF HERE



WHAT? I'M
NOT LEAVING
YOU HERE!



**GO!
NOW!**



CLEAR WHAT UP? YOU CAN'T FOOL ME! I KNOW HE'S THE CAT I GAVE THAT RIDE TO!



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YOU KICKED
HIM IN THE
NUTS!

DUH!



YOU DON'T
THINK I CAN
TAKE HIM, DO
YOU?

I DON'T
CARE TO
FIND OUT!



WHAT THE ZA ?



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ELLIOT!!!



RRRGH HEDGE YOU
BASTARD I'M LUCKY
MY NECK ISN'T BROKEN.



SORRY
ABOUT
THAT I'M
TRAINED
TO KILL,
NOT TO
SUBDUCE



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I WOULD
ADVISE NO
FURTHER
STRUGGLE,
CAT



D-DAMMIT, GET IT
THROUGH YOUR THICK
HEAD! MY NAME ISN'T--



--C C-CA NGH!!!









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THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO FOR
ELLIOT IS TO LET ME TAKE HIM
I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO HARM
YOU BUT I WILL IF I HAVE TO

GO TO
HELL

DAMN YOU
PUT ME DOWN
AND GO AWAY!

SOBRY

BUT I CAN
ONLY MEET YOU
HALFWAY

GAM

I'M TAKING HIM TO
THE NEST IF THAT'S
NOT ENOUGH
INFORMATION THEN
YOU DON'T KNOW
ANYBODY WHO COULD
GET HIM BACK ANYWAY

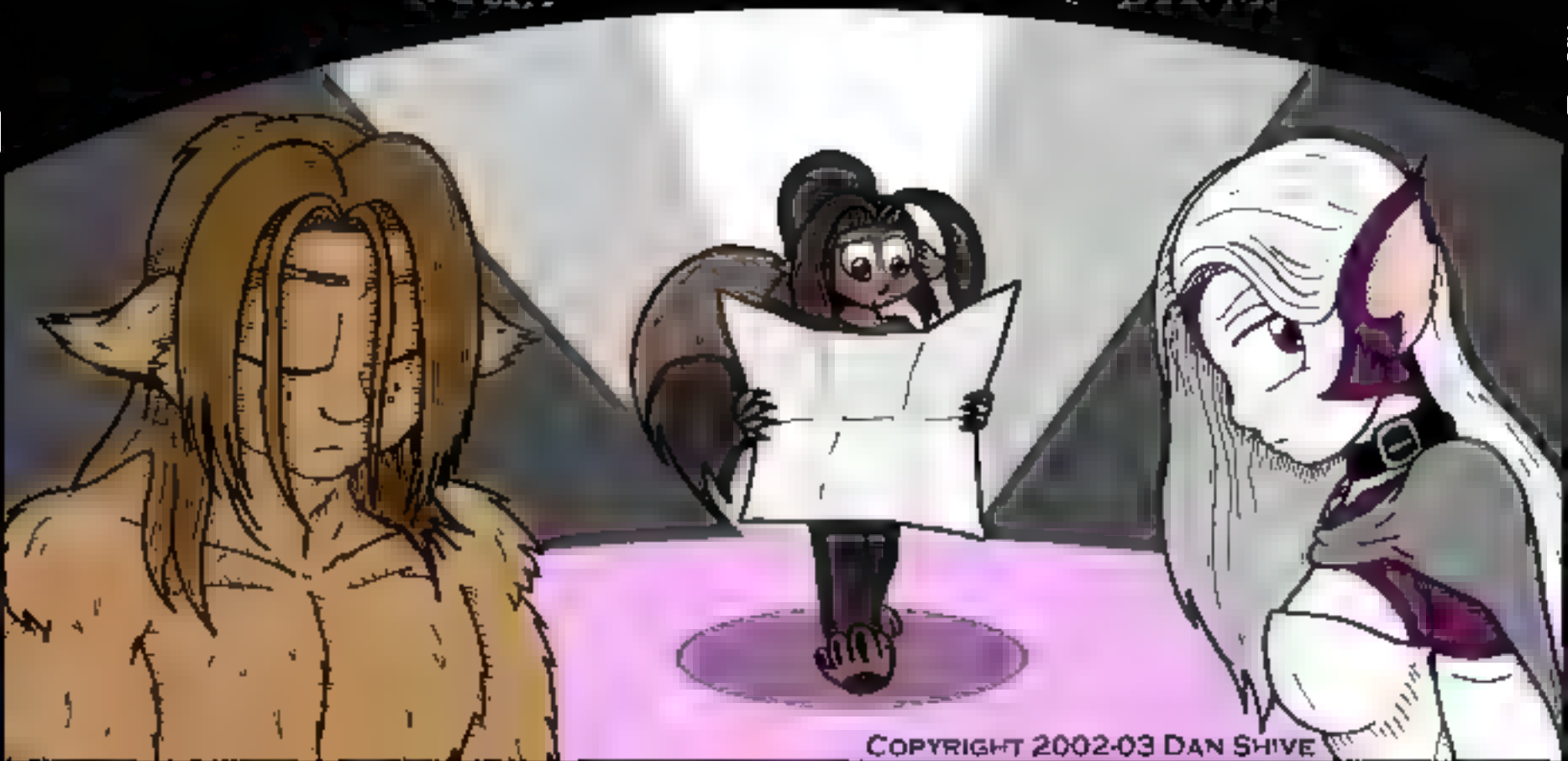
THE NEST ?



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PART I
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MISSING PERSONS



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????? ?????????

NIOI? ARE
YOU AROUND
HERE?



NIOI? I HAVE
SOMETHING FOR
YOU! NIOI???



HEY HAVE YOU
SEEN NIOI? I FOUND
A BOOK I THINK SHE
MIGHT ENJOY



GROWL!!!



SORRY M'LORD.
'DON'T KEEP TRACK
OF YOUR 'PETS'



BACK IN OUR UNIVERSE



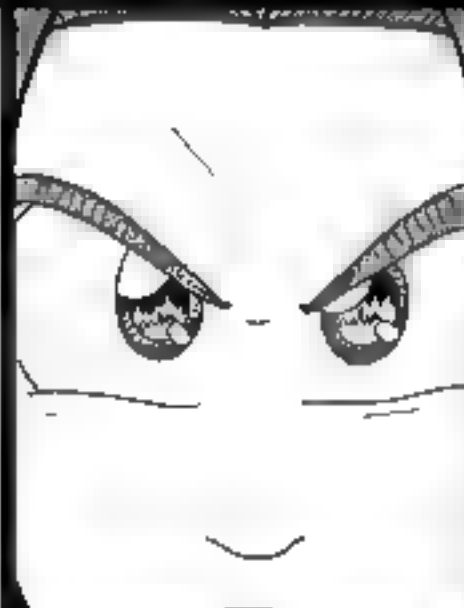
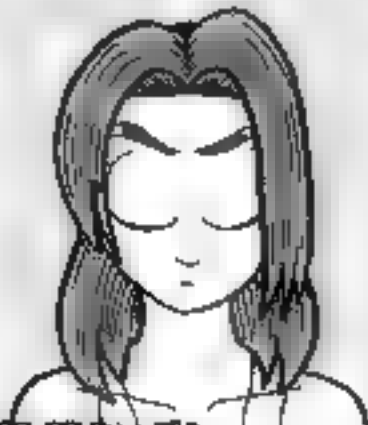
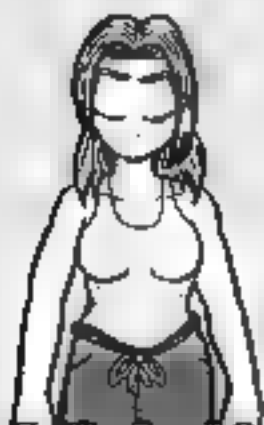
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HEY SARAH
WHAT'S UP?

I NEED
A RIDE

A RIDE? ISN'T
ELLIOT WITH
YOU?

NO I'LL
EXPLAIN LATER

YOU CAN'T
JUST EXPLAIN
NOW?

I DON'T
WANT TO
EXPLAIN IT
MORE THAN
ONCE

OKAY THEN WELL I DON'T HAVE MY OWN
CAR. BUT JUSTIN SHOULD BE GETTING OFF OF
WORK PRETTY QUICKLY WHERE ARE YOU?

MEOW?

"PAW"
"PAW"

I AM IN THE PARKS
PARKING LOT NEXT
TO ELLIOT'S CAR

EEP
"DIAL TONE"

ZA?

WHAT THE
HELL IS GOING
ON???

SARAH?

"Eerily Calm"
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SARAH--

WE NEED TO
GO TO TEDD'S
HOUSE

SARAH
ELLIOT?

HEDGE
TOOK
HIM

WHAT?!

HEY, WHAT'S GOING
ON HERE? DO WE NEED
TO KICK ELLIOT'S
ASS OR SOMETHING?

WE'RE GOING TO
TEDD'S HOUSE! I'LL BE
TAKING MY CAR!

TEDD'S
HOUSE?!

WHY IS
SUSAN
HERE?

SHE WAS AT THE
CARD STORE WITH
JUSTIN, ALONG
WITH NANASE

WHY
IS SHE
BLONDE?

SHE BETTER TELL
US WHAT'S GOING
ON ONCE WE GET
TO TEDD'S HOUSE

HOW DOES TEDD FIT INTO
THIS, WHATEVER "THIS" IS?
I'M SO CONFUSED

MAYBE NOTHING
THIS COULD HAVE
TO DO WITH GRACE
THAT ANDROID
GIRLFRIEND HE
MADE FOR HIMSELF

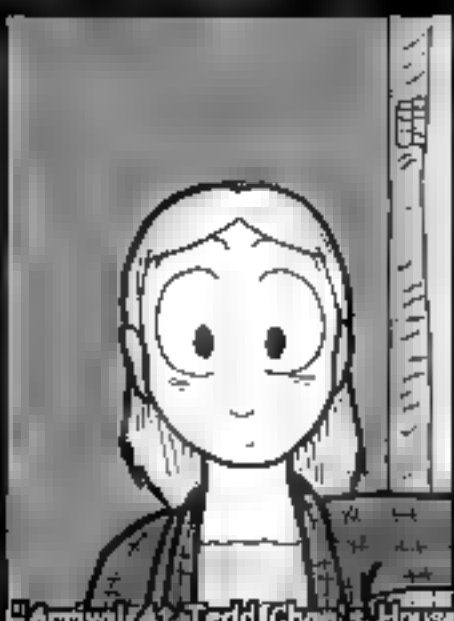
WAIT YOU THINK
GRACE IS AN ANDROID?

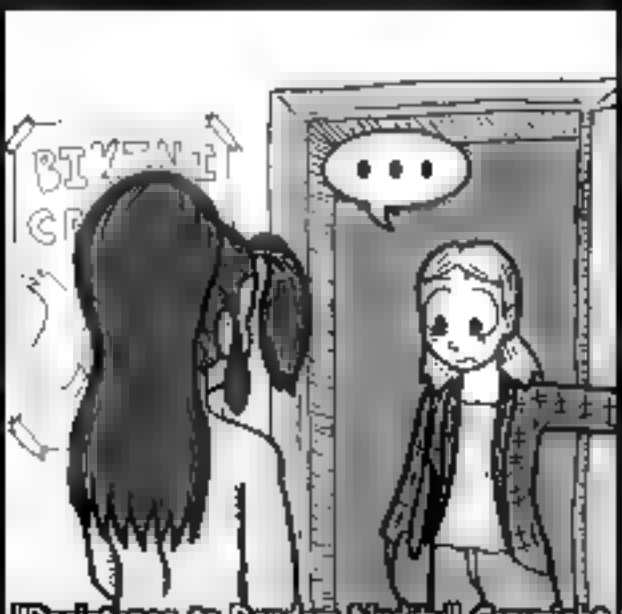
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IT MAKES SOME
SENSE IT WOULD
EXPLAIN HOW SHE
HAS THOSE STRANGE
POWERS WHY SHE
DOESN'T BOTHER
WITH SCHOOL, AND
HOW IT IS POSSIBLE
THAT TEDD HAS A
GIRLFRIEND

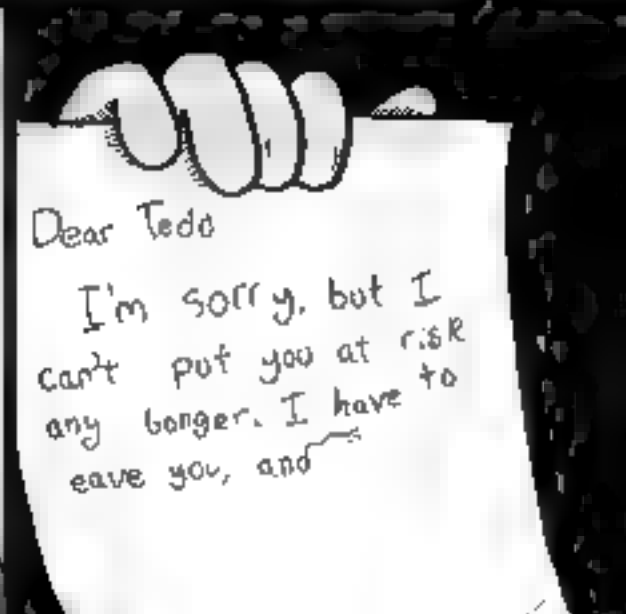
HEH. I WONDER
IF HE COULD MAKE
AN ANDROID GUY
FOR ME

MAYBE BUT I D
HOLD OUT FOR A
FULLY FUNCTIONAL
SOONG ANDROID



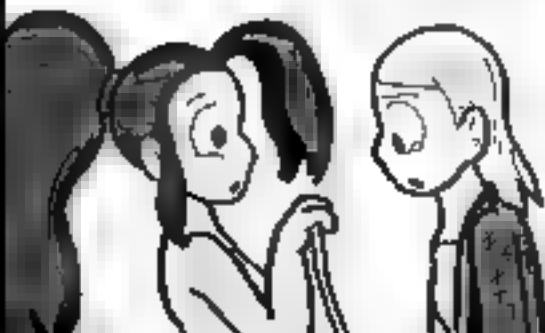


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YOU WERE WRITING
A GOODBYE NOTE?

I CARE



AND YOU'RE NAKED. BECAUSE
YOU KNEW YOU'D BE LEAVING
TEDD AND BEFORE YOU LEFT
YOU WANTED TO



YES

"INSERT GRAPHIC
ADULT IMAGES
HERE"



I WANTED TO RETURN
THE CLOTHES TEDD'S
FATHER BOUGHT ME



YOU'RE LUCKY IT'S HARD TO
STAY PISSED AT YOU NOW GET
SOME CLOTHES ON AND GET
DOWNSTAIRS



...SHOULD HAVE
AT LEAST BROUGHT
BACK A FEMALE.

I KNOW, BUT
HE WAS ALONE,
AND--

CRACK

YOU SHOULD THANK ME
FOR SHOWING YOU MERCY.



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OH
YOU'RE
AWAKE

YOU DIDN'T
HURT SARAH,
DID YOU?

LAST I
SAW HER
SHE WAS
FINE



THAT'S GOOD

HOW THE HELL ARE
YOU SO CALM?



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WELL, FOR ONE
THING, I BELIEVE
YOU WHEN YOU SAY
YOU DIDN'T HURT
HER IN PART
BECAUSE I JUST
HEARD YOU LIE
ABOUT ME BEING
ALONE ALSO I'M
USING A SELF
HYPNOTIC
SUGGESTION TO
KEEP MYSELF
FROM FREAKING
OUT

AH, SO YOU HAVE
TRAINED FOR MISSIONS?

IF GOING TO A FRIEND'S
HOUSE CAN BE CALLED A
MISSION, THEN YES

HEDGE! DAMIEN
DOESN'T WANT US
TALKING TO THE
FELINE BEFORE



WHAT'S THE
DIFFERENCE
VLAD?

VLAD?!

YOUR LIFE, IF YOU PERSIST
IN DISOBEYING DAMIEN.

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HE SHOULD
BE GUARDED

LEAVE IT TO THE PIG
THERE'S LITTLE RISK OF
HIM SPEAKING TO THE
CAT ISN T THERE?



THAT
WAS NO
BAT



MY DAD'S NOT
ANSWERING! I KEEP
GETTING A "CANNOT
BE COMPLETED AS
REQUIRED" MESSAGE!

ARE YOU
SURE THAT'S THE
"THE NEST" NUMBER?

OF COURSE
I AM, DAMMIT!

JUST KEEP
TRYING,
TEDD.



I DON'T GET
THIS... WHY WOULD
HEDGE TAKE ELLIOT?

...HOW DID HE
TRANSFORM, -
ANYWAY? DID HE
HAVE THE BELT?

NO, THE BELT'S
DOWNSTAIRS IN
PIECES! I'VE BEEN
TRYING TO IMPROVE
UPON IT!

ARRRRGH
THIS IS
POINTLESS!
I CAN'T GET
HEDGE!

WHAT ELSE
CAN WE DO?
...I
JUST CALL
THE POLICE
FOR THIS!



TEDD, IS THERE
ANOTHER NUMBER
YOU CAN TRY?

HE CAN'T GIVE
ME HIS OFFICE
NUMBER; I JUST
ALWAYS CALL HIS
CELL!

MINUTE-- GRACE?

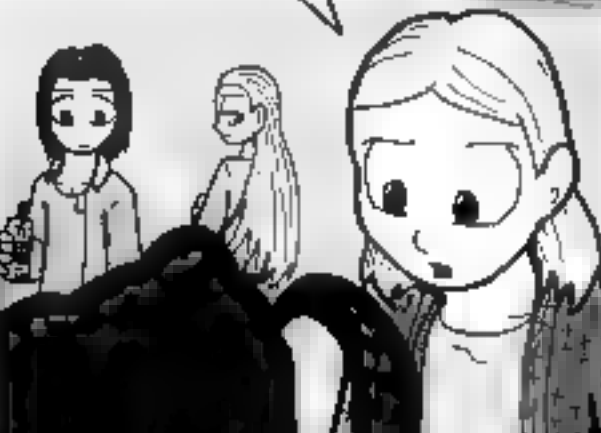
GRACE?

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I AM
SORRY

GRACE HEDGE SAID HE WAS
TAKING ELLIOT SOMEPLACE
CALLED "THE NEST" DO YOU
KNOW WHERE THAT IS?



THE NEST ? THAT
SOUNDS FAMILIAR BUT



I AM NOT SURE

THINK GRACE,
THINK! WHERE IS
"THE NEST"?



UM

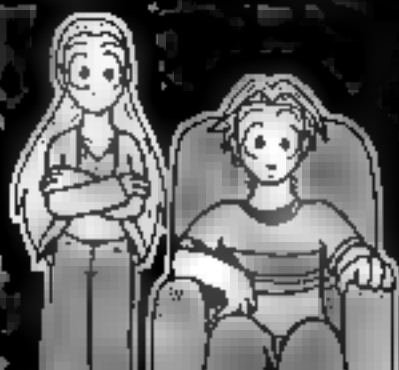
JUST GIVE
HER A MINUTE IF
SHE KNOWS. IT LL
COME TO HER



I STILL DON'T GET HOW
ELLIOT COULD JUST
TRANSFORM LIKE THAT!
DID THAT GUY S
CHAIN DO IT?



ZAP



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ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? WHERE
DID I COME FROM? HOW DID
I JUST TRANSFORM MYSELF?



YOU THINK
THIS IS A
SIDE EFFECT
OF THAT
DIAMOND?

EXACTLY



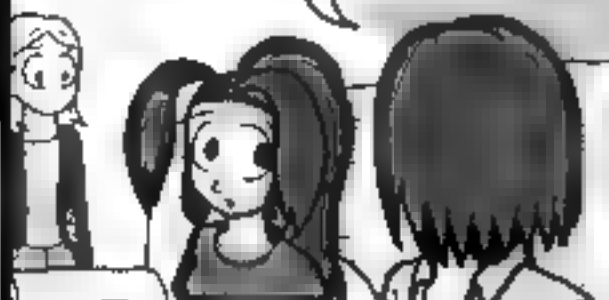
IF THAT'S THE CASE,
THEN IT'S A SHAME THAT
SARAH ISN'T BISEXUAL.



I THINK I REMEMBER! HEDGE
WAS PROBABLY TALKING ABOUT THE
PLACE WHERE WE WERE BORN!

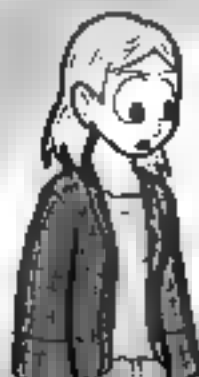


YOU SURE? DIDN'T DAMIEN
TRASH THAT PLACE? WHY
WOULD HEDGE GO THERE?



I I DON'T KNOW BUT DAMIEN
CALLED MY BIRTHPLACE "THE NEST"
ONCE, AND THAT'S THE ONLY
'NEST' I CAN THINK OF

SO THEN
YOU KNOW
HOW TO
GET THERE?



NO, I DON'T
DAMIEN MOVED US
AROUND SO MUCH
THAT I DON'T KNOW
HOW TO GO BACK



ARE YOU SURE? YOU'RE
NOT HIDING ANYTHING
ARE YOU, MS. SCIURIDAE?



HUH?

SCIURIDAE?!



WOW AND I THOUGHT
I WAS JUST WASTING TIME
PEEPING AT TEDD-CHAN.



YOU HAVE NO
IDEA WHY I
CALLED YOU
SCIURIDAE
DO YOU?

NUH JH. IS
IT BECAUSE I'M
A SQUIRREL?

CALM DOWN
SARAH THOSE
RECORDS WE
DUG UP AFTER
GRACE FIRST
ARRIVED HAVE
THE ADDRESS
OF HER
BIRTHPLACE!

REALLY?! SO YOU
COULD FIGURE OUT
HOW TO GET THERE?

JUST AN INTERNET
SEARCH AWAY

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BUT WHERE DOES THAT GET
US? EVEN IF WE WANT TO
IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN JUST
GO AND SAVE ELLIOT
OURSELVES!

LIKE HELL WE CAN'T!
NANASE GRACE AND I
COULD.

I'M GOING ALONE

NO

GRACE YOU CAN'T GO ALONE!
YOU'RE NOT A FIGHTER! WE
SHOULD WAIT FOR MY FATHER!

I'M NOT GONNA FIGHT
I'M GOING TO EXCHANGE
MYSELF FOR ELLIOT

WHAT?!

THAT'S JUST
TRADING ONE
PROBLEM FOR
ANOTHER!

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
DO THAT
GRACE!

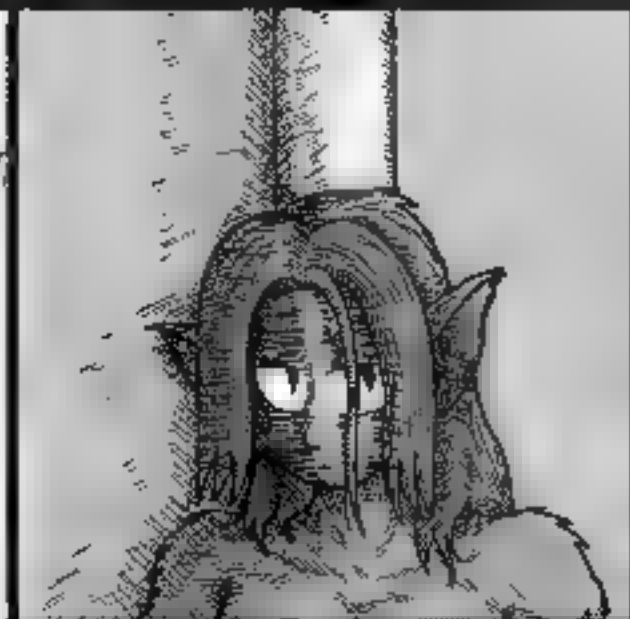
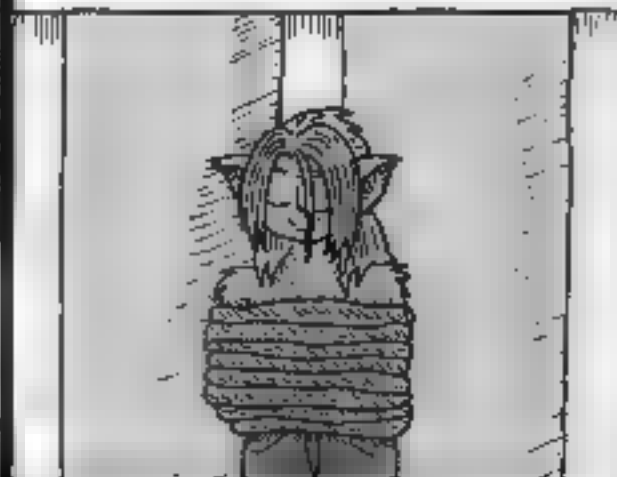
YES I DO, DAMMIT!

ANY OTHER OPTION
WILL END IN DEATH.

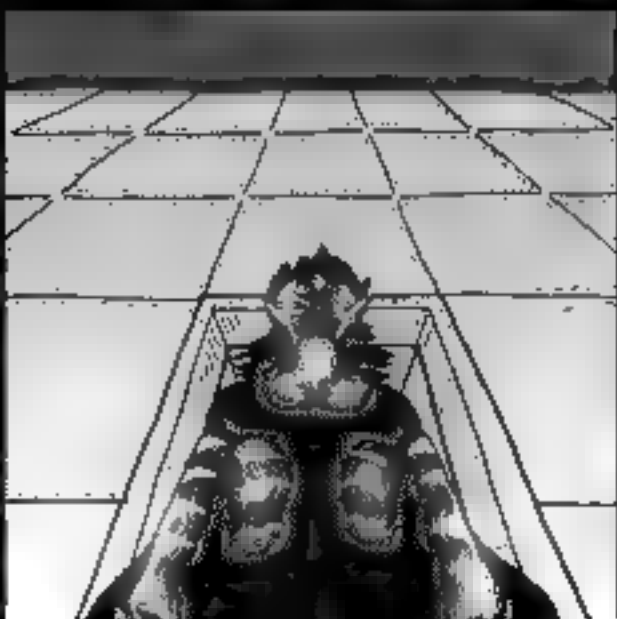
EVEN IF YOU CAN BEAT MY
BROTHERS, DAMIEN IS TOO
STRONG



"NOBODY CAN STAND
UP TO HIM AND LIVE"



GOOD GOD
MAN! HAVE YOU
CONSIDERED
SEEING A
DERMATOLOGIST?



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PART II

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INTERVIEWED
BY THE

DEVIL



SSSSSSSS....

WHO
ARE
YOU?

TELL ME YOUR
NAME, HORSE
MASTER, AND
I SHALL TELL
YOU MINE

To Quote an Axe-Wielding Dwarf... Copyright 2002-03 Dan Shive

"HORSE
MASTER"?


OH SORRY GUESS YOU HAVEN'T
SEEN THAT MOVIE. PERHAPS GUINEAS
UNDERSTOOD THE REFERENCE?

DEDUCTIVE SNORT




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I DOUBT
THIS IS
GOOD

VWOOM.




ALL I WOULD HAVE TO DO RIGHT NOW
IS TOUCH YOU AND IT WOULD BURN AWAY
YOUR FUR NOW, WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

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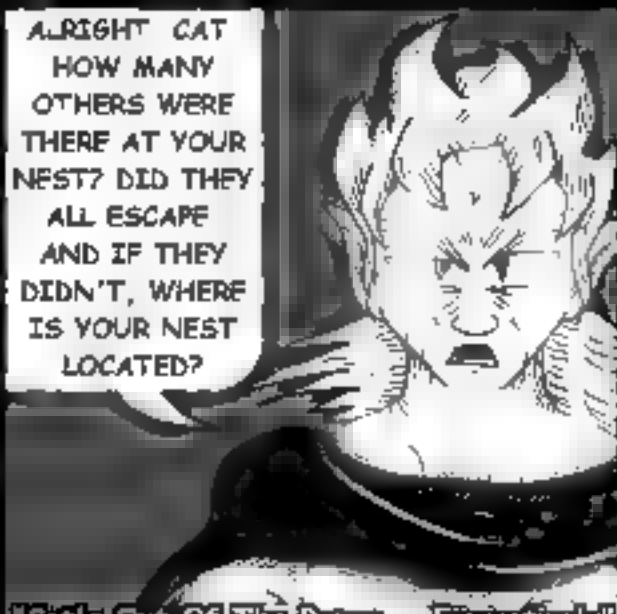


UM WELL
WHAT WITH
ME BEING
A CAT AND
ALL CAT?



ALL OF YOU ANIMAL PEOPLE
HAVE HORRIBLE NAMES.

WELL, UH WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT? WE WERE NAMED
BY SCIENTISTS NOT WRITERS OR CARTOONISTS



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I DON'T HAVE
TIME FOR YOUR
GAMES YOU CAN
REMAIN TIED UP
FOR NOW

THERE WILL BE NO FOOD FOR
YOU UNTIL YOU'RE READY TO
TELL THE TRUTH, NOR WILL
YOU BE FREED FROM YOUR
BONDS FOR ANY REASON

I LL BE SURE
TO HAVE
HEDGE BRING
YOU PLENTY
OF COFFEE

SSSSSSSS

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MEANWHILE

SQUEEK!!!

WHAT'RE YOU SQUEEKING
ABOUT GUINEAS?

SQUEE SNORT
SQUA SQUEE!

WHO IS "TIMMY"
AND HOW DID HE WIND
UP DOWN A WELL?

SQUEE~!!!

OH. SORRY I MISHEARD
YOU HMMM SO CAT
KNEW YOUR NAME WITHOUT
BEING TOLD WHAT IT WAS?
BUT THAT MUST MEAN

SNORT

CRAP



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EVEN IF I DON'T GIVE MYSELF TO DAMIEN IN EXCHANGE FOR ELLIOT, IT STILL MAKES MORE SENSE FOR ME TO GO ALONE!



I CAN SNEAK IN AS MY HALF-SQUIRREL FORM, AND FREE ELLIOT WITH STEALTH.



DAMIEN WOULD KILL ANY OF YOU IF YOU'RE CAUGHT; THE WORST HE'D DO IN MY CASE IS HIT ME!



AND YOU THINK THAT'S ACCEPTABLE?! WE SHOULD WAIT FOR MY FATHER! WE DON'T HELP ELLIOT BY BEING RECKLESS!



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BUT I CAN HELP HIM! AND I CAN TAKE BEING BEATEN UP BY DAMIEN; I HAVE BEFORE.



...DAMIEN... HE... HE HIT YOU?



ONLY WHEN I WAS BAD...

I HEAL WELL, SO I DON'T HAVE SCARS BUT--

HUG



DAMIEN... IS A DEAD MAN...



DAMMIT TEDD!
OTHER THAN
MYSELF, YOU
WERE THE
ONLY VOICE
OF REASON
HERE!

YOU
HAVEN'T
VOICED
MUCH
REASON.



OW!



TEDD, TRUST ME, I GET
HOW YOU FEEL, BUT I
HOPE YOU'RE NOT
THINKING ABOUT
COMING WITH US.



DON'T BE MAD...
I DON'T LIKE IT
WHEN YOU'RE
ANGRY...



"Wait For My--Eh. Never Mind" Copyright 2002-03 Dan Shive

...HE BEATS YOU...
HE TAKES MY BEST
FRIEND--!!!



DEEP DOWN, YOU KNOW
I HAVE TO GO, AND THAT
YOU CAN'T GO WITH ME.
MY GOING ALONE IS BEST
FOR EVERYONE. YOU KNOW
THAT, I KNOW YOU DO...



MAYBE I CAN'T GO WITH
YOU... BUT YOU WILL NOT
BE ALONE, AND I WILL HELP
YOU GET BACK SAFELY!



FIRST, YOU
THREE NEED NEW
CLOTHES...



URYUOMS AND YOU:

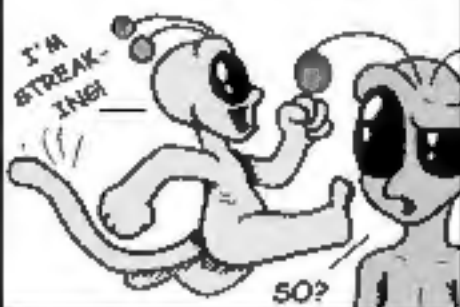
A GUIDE TO A MINORITY
THAT CERTAINLY DOESN'T
COME FROM OUTER SPACE.

THIS CHAPTER:
"URYUOM
CLOTHING"



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URYUOMS, IN THEIR NATIVE
CULTURE, HAVE LITTLE NEED
FOR CLOTHING. THEIR
MORPHING NATURE MAKES
CLOTHING IMPRACTICAL,
AND ANY "OBJECTIONABLE"
ANATOMY DISAPPEARS WHEN
NOT BEING USED.



STILL, CLOTHING FOR
NATIVE URYUOMS HAS USES,
SUCH AS PRESERVING BODY
WARMTH DURING EXTREME
COLD. ALSO, LIKE HUMANS,
URYUOMS OCCASIONALLY
NEED PROTECTIVE CLOTHES.



NATIVE URYUOMS MAKE
FREQUENT USE OF THEIR
SHAPE-CHANGING ABILITIES
DURING PHYSICAL LABOR.
PROTECTION IS NEEDED,
BUT NORMAL CLOTHING
DOESN'T WORK WELL.

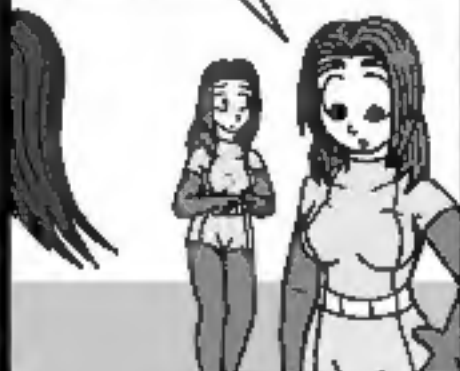


IT WAS ONLY NATURAL
FOR URYUOMS TO CREATE
STRONG PROTECTIVE
CLOTHING THAT WOULD
CONFORM TO ANY
POSSIBLE BODY SHAPE...



...INCLUDING HUMAN.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I
SQUEEZED INTO THIS
WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE!



IT'S AMAZING! IT'S
OBVIOUSLY ON TIGHT, BUT
IT FEELS LIKE I'M JUST
IN MY UNDERWEAR!

IT'S ALMOST
SENSUAL...



OK, NO NEED TO
TALK ABOUT THAT!
WE'VE GOT WORK
TO DO, DAMMIT!



MEH. THOSE
SKIN-TIGHT
SUITS WOULD
LOOK BETTER
ON JUSTIN.

HM?

HM...

I'M SURPRISED YOU'VE
NEVER MADE USE OF THESE
PROTECTIVE SUITS BEFORE.

THAT'S BECAUSE
THEY'RE NOT MINE; MY
DAD WOUND UP GETTING
THEM THROUGH HIS WORK.

SO LONG AS WE'RE MAKING
USE OF THINGS THAT WILL
GET ME GROUNDED, WE'LL
ALSO BENEFIT FROM THESE
RADIO WATCHES.

NOW THERE'S
AN UNPLEASANT
IMAGE...

"THEY'RE TUNED SO YOU
THREE CAN TALK TO EACH
OTHER, AND SO THAT WE
CAN TALK WITH YOU."

ANY FANCY
STORY BEHIND
THESE WATCHES?

NOT AS FAR
AS I KNOW.

A FEW YEARS AGO...

I DON'T SEE HOW YOU PLAN
TO MAKE MONEY WITH THESE
COSTLY WATCHES WHEN PEOPLE
ALREADY HAVE CELL PHONES.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT
MONEY, YOU FOOLISH
INTERN! IT'S ABOUT
HAVING COOL STUFF
TO PLAY WITH!